

# ***Balls' Prayer Letter***

*June/July 2010*

Thank you for your prayers the last couple of months as we are constantly aware of our need of the Lord's help and for your intercession to carry out the work the Lord has given us. We have spent the last couple of months traveling, preaching and preparing for the ministry the Lord has for us in the coming years. Our travels have taken us to the Midwest, New England, California and beautiful Colorado. We have had the opportunity to see behind the scenes how the Lord directs and sustains His works around the world.

The most significant development since our last prayer letter has been the public announcement of Dr. Sproul's retirement in October of this year and of my succession as the next Director of International Baptist Missions. In May, the official voting board of IBM officially



approved Larry as the next director and that decision was announced in June to our missionaries and to the Cooperating Board at the annual FBFI meeting in Colorado. Dr. Sproul will continue to travel to minister to our missionaries and serve as a Senior Consultant to the board. We look forward to many years of laboring together with the wonderful missionaries God has brought together under IBM. We are grateful for the vision and foresight that the Lord gave Dr. Sproul over 30 years ago to establish this mission board here in the Western United States. The need for such an independent, fundamental, Baptist board in

Arizona is as great today as the day it was established.

As we have traveled and spoken in many of your churches it has become apparent that there are many who at one time believed God had called them to a foreign mission field who are no longer continuing down that path. One of our burdens is to stir the hearts of God's people here in the states to truly look unto the fields and see that they are white unto harvest. One of the blessings we have experienced is to have people come to us after a service expressing concern to get to a field where they can have a part in spreading the Gospel to those who have never heard. Pray for us as we speak in churches and colleges, that we might be effective in laying the burden of missions upon the hearts of God's people.

Pray also for wisdom as we look ahead to the coming months. There are some major decisions to be made by a few of our missionaries. Pray that we will give sound, and godly counsel. Pray also for wisdom in planning future mission trips. We hope we can give you some updated plans in our next prayer letter. Also continue to pray for the continued need of support. We thank the Lord for raising much of our needed support and for providing for our needs. By November of this year we will be around 80% of full support. Those final funds will be critical in allowing us to travel as needed to minister to and support our missionary family. Pray that the Lord will bring in that final amount in His timing so that the work will not be hindered.

Thank you again for your prayer for us. It is a great privilege to be able to serve the Lord and represent His people as we work to get the Gospel to every creature.

In His Service,  
Larry, Leslie and Taylor Ball  
International Baptist Missions