

Dear Praying Friends

This marks the 30th day in row I have had on my agenda to write a prayer update. **We covet your prayer support greatly and we have certainly needed it this past month.** Perhaps it is subjective, but according to our memory, we have never had a month that was so packed full, every single day.

We praise God for the Bible studies that I am doing with Remi and Laura. They are very open to God's Word. I have known Remi for several years, going back to the days when he played basketball with Stefan. I got reacquainted with him 4 years ago at a home Bible study that he came to. At our first study this month, he said that he was very rebellious and listened to no one until the day he came to that first Bible study 4 years ago. He confessed that at that the first time he came to my Bible study, he found the meaning to life and that there was a goal and purpose to his life; and that God was at the base of that purpose. Unfortunately, the study stopped soon after that and we lost contact with him. Remi and Laura are now studying the Bible with me and planning to present their son to the Lord in the near future. **Please commit them to prayer.**

Last Sunday we had a very unique service as one lady asked if we could publicly burn her fetishes. She came to know the Lord in an extraordinary way last November in the solitude of her home. She knew she had to find a Bible and find a church. Through the internet she found a Bible and came to trust in the Lord. Through the teachings she had been listening too, she knew she had to publicly renounce her ties to the occult and her bondage to the spirits of darkness. On Sunday, before our communion time, we went outside in the cold and rain to burn a whole pile of idols. There were other items that needed to be thrown out in the woods. After the service we accompanied her to the river where she threw in the water many other items that had held her in bondage. We had dinner with her afterwards. She went on and on about how powerful the Lord is. **Please pray for Mrs. C.**

We also had two Sundays where Muslims came to our church service and we were able to explain the way of salvation with them. The kid's clubs too, continue to be a great joy as we see kids grow in the Lord. Two of the boys have prayed to receive Jesus into their hearts. **These are all great sources of blessing.**

The rest of our time in January was spent accompanying people in their great and difficult personal circumstances. It is a very very very hard cruel mean world directed by an evil master meant on the destruction of many souls. Compromise with God's Word brings great consequences along with broken hearts, broken lives, and many tears. We have spent much time praying with people on these matters and we plead with you to pray with us, certainly in a more general sense, bringing the matters before the throne of grace.

We ask you to remember to pray for our children and families too, that God would undertake and provide for each one as He promised he would.

We cannot thank you enough for standing with us in the ministry. You are very very precious friends..., brothers and sisters in Christ. May God bless you richly.

In Christ,

Kent and Sonya



Mrs. C came knowing what she had to do. After I prayed she said, "On this day, in the presence of this assembly of God, I renounce my old way of life in the chains of darkness. I went through ceremonies in which I was consecrated, and in which I consecrated my head, my body, and my life to the spirits. Today I am burning these things which have held me in bondage."

Mrs. C was happy that so many people came to church this Sunday (we only had 3 the week she first came!). She asked that we sing during the ceremony so that the spirits in charge of her would be able to hear what was going on.

As we walked out, I asked her how she was. "Nervous" was her reply, but she said she had peace about what she was going to do. Mrs. C knew it had to be her that threw the items into the fire. The "throne" in front of her, (in the center of the photo above) was extremely "powerful." At her initiation, she was obliged to sit on it for 7 straight days. She explained what some of the items were for, but mostly she just wanted to be done with it all. Even afterwards, she just didn't want to talk much about her experience. She kept saying that it was awful, more horrible than one could ever imagine. She said she had attained to a very high level in this particular branch of occult, the Santeria.

She told us beforehand that she had a lot of items to get rid of. When she came, she had both arms full of things and I thought, "Wow that is a lot!" However, she went back to her car 3 more times to bring things out: manuals of incantations, cd's with dances to perform to call on the spirits, statues, trinkets, bracelets, rocks, amulets, items from tribes in Africa, etc. Some of our people were surprised at what she was burning as they seemed like innocent gifts that one might bring back from a trip to a foreign country. Afterwards she was so happy, so relieved and kept saying, "I just can't believe how powerful Jesus is!"

