



# TENTMAKER NEWS

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## Missionaries on the Move

This summer is an especially busy time for four of our TBM families. They are each moving to a place where they can be of greater service to God. Along with packing their belongings into boxes and crates and trying to sell their homes, they are saying goodbye to the friends they have made and the churches and towns where they have poured out their energies and talents for the work of God. They are also looking ahead with much prayer for God's direction and guidance as they plan new ministries, seek new places to plant churches, look for new homes and attempt to raise the additional support they need to serve Him in these new ministries.

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### Bill & Gloria Bagley

This couple is the most recent addition to our TBM family. They have been serving at Nephi Bible Church in Nephi, Utah for the last 4 years. Now it has become necessary for them to move on in search of a new ministry with greater opportunity for service. After much prayer and searching,

God has provided a wonderful place for a new church, 45 minutes away in Lindon, Utah. This church, Fellowship Bible Church, already had its first service on the first Sunday in June. More people came than they had even hoped and prayed for, and they all promised to come back the next week!

Now with their new ministry becoming established, it's time for the Bagleys to move. They already have 33 boxes packed. Please pray for the sale of their home in Nephi. When the house is sold they will hold their final service at Nephi Bible Church. The whole town will be invited. Pray that God will use this service to leave a lasting impression on the people at Nephi. Pray also that God will continue to bless in the growth and development of Fellowship Bible Church.



### Dick and Carolyn Manion

The Manions are here! They arrived in Grand Rapids on the 16th of June with four of their children and all their earthly belongings. After an exhausting week of unpacking and settling into some temporary housing, Dick is ready to assume his responsibilities as our Executive Director.

Praise God for providing a means of moving their household belongings at no expense to them (thru the generosity of a few of God's people) and for giving them a temporary place to live in the parsonage of First Baptist Church

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### Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of Tentmaker News! This is a newsletter designed to help inform you of the prayer requests and praises of the TBM missionary family so you can pray effectively.



of Alto. Please pray for the Manion family as they adjust to life in Michigan and seek to raise the balance of their monthly support. Pray for Dick as he assumes his responsibilities with Tentmakers Bible Mission.

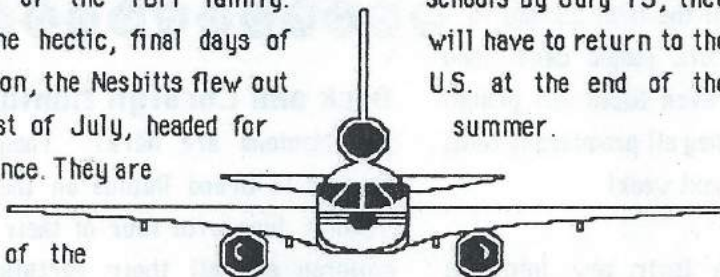
## Steve & Brenda Nesbitt

This eager young couple with their two young children, Stephanie (4) and Daniel (1), are also new members of the TBM family. After some hectic, final days of preparation, the Nesbitts flew out on the 1st of July, headed for Lille, France. They are

serving as part of the Eurocorp summer

evangelistic program and will participate in its follow-up during the month of August. Steve and Brenda are very fluent in the French language and will be a great asset to the team of missionaries serving there in France. This work is similar to what they have done in the past. Their hearts' desire is to remain in France on a full-time basis, serving God in the capacity of church planting. There are currently no evangelical churches in Lille or any of the surrounding towns.

The duration of their stay however, is dependant on their financial support. They are awaiting word from the Kansas City Public Schools regarding an extension project Steve can do for them in France as his "tentmaking" job. This seems to be the only way the Nesbitts would be able to remain in France after August, short of receiving full support. Without a firm committment from the schools by July 15, they will have to return to the U.S. at the end of the summer.



Please pray regarding the financial needs of the Nesbitts as well as their future in France. Pray also that this will be a profitable summer for the Lord's work in France and that many lives will be touched and people saved through the service of Steve and Brenda.

## Bill and Gail Marietta

Early this month, the Mariettas moved to Pharr, Texas, from their home in LaGrange, Wyoming. Pharr is located roughly nine miles from the border of Mexico in the eastern part of Texas. They desire to have a church planting

ministry among Spanish speaking people.

The Lord has provided them with good opportunities to prepare for this ministry. They spent six months in Bolivia recently, learning the Spanish language. They were filling in for missionaries who were on furlough and had plenty of opportunities to learn Spanish from the Bolivian people they worked with and ministered to. Since that time they have been in contact with RGBI, who they believe will give them names of radio listeners in Mexico.

Praise God for the encouragements they received prior to their move. They were able to spend time with family, and Bill had a lot of painting jobs that enabled them to pay bills. They also had an opportunity to present their ministry and to preach each Sunday.

Please pray for them as they begin this church planting ministry. They need direction in finding the right place to start a church. Also, pray that peoples' hearts and minds will be open and receptive as they begin following up the names of radio listeners.