

Greetings Family Fellowship member,

Let me send you my most recent update on prayer requests that reflects what is going on in our lives the next few weeks.

August 28th - An all day leadership meeting for the entire leadership team of our church to see if we can get unstuck as leaders. For months we have been coasting as a church and the feeling is not good. God has led several on the pastoral leadership team to be uneasy about the spiritual state of our leaders.. We need a touch from God about this day.

September 2nd-4th Sam speaks to a local area church on God's available resources to guard our hearts. (Pr. 4:23). This church body was taught to focus on external signs for spiritual maturity.

Pray that the adults and teens present will hear what God's Word has to say about His rich resources (John 15)

September 6th -8th Speaking at a pastors & wives retreat for an entire local group in San Luis about the reason for pastoral care groups. Typically pastors here distrust other pastors and this group is no different. Consequently pastors end up having no close friends with whom to share their hearts and their personal needs.

Pray that they will be willing to risk building relationships for their families after the retreat.

October 1st - 3rd Sam will speak devotionally on the value of caring for your emotional and spiritual well-being at a conference that Connie is leading in Fortaleza for leaders who care for those with emotional healing needs.

Pray for Connie´s health and stamina as she oversees the conference for those who will attend (90 + already registered).

Pray that Sam can connect the leaders hearts to God´s concerning their own spiritual and emotional well being.

October 11-16th Sam and Connie will be at the Baptist Theological Modular Seminary in Teresina, PI. The students come twice a year for a week of intensive classes. They are all involved in ministry as lay leaders or as lay pastors. Sam will be teaching a class on Mentoring and Connie will be counseling the female students and doing exit interviews with graduates.

Pray for their physical stamina and strength as they deal with very hot weather that week.

Thank you for praying for us over the 20 day trip in July-August to see family in Arizona and hook up with Rocky Fleming in NW Arkansas and our mission church in the suburbs of Chicago. The trip was a real shot in the arm on several fronts.

Grateful for your faithfulness in prayer and financial support.

The Gills