

SILVERLININGS



ASK ME AGAIN HOW I FEEL!

Since my hospitalization in the Philippines in November and subsequent surgery in the US in December, I have received many emails asking, “How do you feel now?” Surgery was more difficult than expected and recovery was slower than wanted, but the answer today is “I feel great.” I have no more pain and my strength is almost back to normal. In fact, I have felt well enough to accept my new assignment in Asia-Pacific—the principal (president) of

Melanesia Nazarene Bible College (MNBC) in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

I arrived on the main campus on February 11 and was welcomed by nearly two hundred adults and children from the college and community lining the road to the entrance. I received two leis and children tossed flowers while adults smiled and clapped. Missionaries Bill and Kay Swesey and Marvin and Patti Thrasher as well as our Field Strategy Coordinator Harmon Schmelzenbach and wife Cindy were also present to make me feel welcomed.

The board of trustees selected me to serve as the seventh president in the college’s 35-year history. This is a historic moment for PNG for I am the first female to be principal of MNBC. I will be taking the position of Rev. William “Bill” E. Swesey who, with his wife Kay, will soon complete their missionary service and return to the US. Swesey’s nearly ten years as president of MNBC have been years of development, expansion, and quality improvement. I will need your prayers to be able to continue in the vision he has established



for the college.

This is not my first time to PNG. I have visited the college previously on two other occasions as an education consultant and regional literature coordinator. I was also able to hold a writer’s workshop last year with ministry leaders in PNG.

I am looking forward to conducting strategic planning exercises with the faculty and staff whom I have already learned to love and respect. There is a team spirit, and they are easy to work with. I am also looking forward to working with missionaries David and Rosie Kerr who will arrive in April to accept responsibilities at the college. Celebrate with us as we plan for the future.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. MNBC has no national faculty with a master's degree to take needed leadership roles in the future.

Pray for faculty scholarships and a means of receiving a master's degree locally or online.

2. MNBC is unhealthy financially because of assisting in opening the teacher's college on the Bible College campus.

Pray that I will have wisdom in making financial decisions and that a budget can be established and followed to operate the school in a manner acceptable to God's mandate of Christian stewardship.

BRAGGING RIGHTS



Happy Birthday Drew! I miss being there to help celebrate.

David and Michele are full of exciting news of Daniel, Drew, and Jonathan in winning in quizzing and in sports. Both Jonathan and Drew were able to audition for a Lifeway CD production, and Jonathan, was chosen to participate. Apparently his voice was what was needed.

My nephew Cody and wife Amanda are rejoicing in the healthy birth of Baby Harris even though he was a little early! First time Grandparents Larry and Carolyn couldn't be any happier.

Daughter Debbie is rejoicing that she has not been demoted at work while some of her colleagues had to accept a lower position in order to keep their jobs. Debbie is busy planning and organizing a family vacation for 15 people. And I just sit back and watch!



HOME ASSIGNMENT 2009

May 17 AM /PM	Cleveland, TN
May 18-24	East Tennessee District Tour
June 2-3	Georgia District NMI Convention
June 6 PM	Salem, N. AL
June 7 AM	Salem, N. AL
June 7 PM	Lebanon, TN
June 14 AM	Georgia
June 14 PM	Georgia
June 15-19	Georgia SuperKids Camp
June 21 AM	Harmony, Georgia
June 21 PM	Georgia
June 23-July 3	General Assembly and Conventions
July 4	Family Reunion, Philadelphia, E. TN
July 5 AM	Sweetwater, E. TN
July 5 PM	Crossville, E. TN
July 19 AM	Donelson, TN
July 19 PM	Lebanon, TN
July 25 PM	Auburn, IN
July 26 AM/PM	Auburn, IN
July 27-30	Michigan Children's Camp
August 2 AM	Durand, MI
August 2 PM	Flint, MI
August 3-7	Michigan Children's Camp
August 8	Michigan District Missions Day
August 9 AM	Brownington, E. TN
August 9 PM	Decherd, E. TN
August 16 AM	Nampa College Church, ID
August 16 PM	Bethel Church, ID
August 22-23	Havana, IL
August 30 AM	Bethel, Nashville, TN
August 30 PM	Nashville First, TN

Daughter Denise is planning to begin teaching ESL again next fall. She has enjoyed being home this first year of her marriage to John and adjusting to being a mother of 6 children. John is struggling like most Americans in wondering how his job will be affected in the future because of economics. I miss all my grandkids and am excited about home assignment for those "9" reasons.