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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Marvin Thrasher is not the man he used to be. He lost nearly 90 pounds this past year.

I inherited Patti's cat Smoky. He has taught me when to open the door and when to feed him.

Marvin was the last missionary district superintendent in PNG

Patti counseled a woman who had become the "second" wife in her husband's family..

Need a missionary speaker? Write Marvin and Patti. mpthrasher@reachone.com.

Need a pastor? Interview Marvin and Patti. mpthrasher@reachone.com.

Thrashers—Missionaries Extraordinaire

Rev. Marvin and Patti Thrasher were missionaries extraordinaire, who humbly went about doing their ministries quietly behind the scenes—without applause, without recognition, without fanfare. I say "were" because they are now completing their last home assignment, and will soon be ministering in the US. It was difficult to see them leave.



Community says farewell to Thrashers



Missionaries say farewell to Thrashers

Appointed to Papua New Guinea (PNG) in 1989 as global missionaries, Marvin and Patti began their ministry at Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, where Marvin served as maintenance engineer for seven years. Because Marvin is such a talented builder, people sometimes forget he is also an excellent preacher, teacher and ministry leader. He was the last missionary district superintendent in PNG.

Marvin and Patti also served as director of the Bible College campus in Port Moresby and later served at Melanesia Naza-

rene Bible College as teacher and Director of Development.

Since 1992 until their departure, Patti served as the treasurer for the PNG Mission. Besides bookkeeping, her ministries included training and advising treasurers for the church districts and institutions in Papua New Guinea. She was a great district superintendent's wife known, for making people feel comfortable and encouraging the new pastoral families.



Campus Residents say farewell to Thrashers

Will you pray for them?

1. Marvin's father, William Elijah Thrasher, died on De-

ember 25, 2008, in Knoxville, Iowa. Marvin and Patti did not have the financial resources to return home at that time. However, the family will hold a Memorial Service when Marvin and Patti get home to do deputation. Pray for them as they mourn together as a family.

2. Because of the age and health of their pets, Marvin and Patti were not able to take their two dogs with them. It is very difficult for missionaries to leave their pets behind when they transfer or return to the US. Pets become like our children and family members when we are away from our loved ones. Pray for Marvin and Patti as they adjust to being without their "children".



3. Marvin and Patti served 20 years in PNG and now must transition back for ministry in the US. Pray that doors will open and that they will find the will of God in their new ministry assignment—whether it be district superintendent, pastor, or college professor.

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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 12 AM	Bethel, Nashville, 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 PM	Nashville First, TN

Pray for my friends in the Philippines and of course pray for me during this transition time. From faculty and staff at APNTS to field office personnel. I am glad I can still Skype with Beverly, San Young, and Ruth.



Pray for students who have taken organizational leadership seriously and are applying it to their jobs.



Pray for the children in my old neighborhood to accept Christ as their Personal friend. They love coming to my annual birthday party on April 23. This year there will be no party.



Lunch is not the same without my table mates. I wonder if they will carry on my tradition of inviting someone new to come sit with us and pray for our meal?



Pray for people like Grace Tia, my assistant in literature: Global Publications and Books for Pastors. I will miss Grace who was a close friend, medical companion, confidante, shopper companion, conference assistant, workshop organizer, and the list goes on!