



## BVI Prayer Card Winter '09

Why not cut this out and place it in your Bible?

<p><b>Sunday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray that BVI materials will be used to lead many children and adults into a saving relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.</li> <li>Pray for a deeper, richer relationship with God for each BVI staff and Board member, as well as each volunteer.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray for La Rue as she continues to learn how to handle customer inquiries and orders.</li> <li>Pray that sales flyers and e-mail ads will draw many to purchase BVI materials.</li> <li>Pray for wisdom in making the most of our time, talents and resources.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray for safety as the staff commutes to/from the office over wintry roads.</li> <li>Pray for wisdom in developing additional pages for BVI's web site that will be useful tools and resources for Christian workers.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray that God will protect the BVI building from vandalism and weather hazards.</li> <li>Pray for wisdom to strategize new ways to promote BVI's wonderful materials.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray for safe delivery of materials shipped out on Tuesdays and Thursdays.</li> <li>Pray for the development of materials for the correlated CDs for several BVI stories.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray for completion of work on the content for <i>Adventures in the Chinese World and Adventures in the Muslim World</i> CDs.</li> <li>Pray that God will increase the number of those who support BVI's ministry as well as Melody and Patti personally.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray that the Lord will guide the BVI Board as they make decisions and plan for the future of the ministry.</li> <li>Pray for those who are currently translating BVI materials into other languages such as Mongolian and Slovak.</li> </ul>
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## Join BVI's Electronic Prayer Chain

Would you like to receive prayer requests/praise updates via e-mail? They are sent out every month or two. Please e-mail us at [info@biblevisuals.org](mailto:info@biblevisuals.org), to be included on this list. Please note that BVI is committed to protecting your privacy. We **DO NOT** sell, rent or share your address information with **ANY** other organization. You can also check out BVI's Prayer Closet on our Web site.

## BVI Family News



Yuko, BVI's Ministry Department Manager and Graphic Artist, left BVI to serve the Lord as a full-time mother in November. Yuko and her husband Bryan (who will continue to serve as a freelance writer for BVI) welcomed sweet little Emi Grace Willoughby into their home and their hearts on November 15.

Mark, BVI's freelance IT wizard, did a fantastic job on BVI's 50th Anniversary Banquet video. He also completed the CD interface for *Ly Huy's Escape*. Current projects on his to-do list:



- upgrade the CD interface for *Forever Changed by the Book*, made necessary by changes in the software industry.
- research the replacement of our phone system



BVI Bookkeeper Melody Mayer, and her mother Kristin (also a freelance writer for BVI) served at a display of our materials at a Christian school teachers conference in October.

## Production Department News by Patti Pope



The full-color version of *Praying Hyde* and *Whiter than Snow* have gone to press, thanks to those who gave generously at BVI's 50th Anniversary Banquet! We hope to print *Doming the Popsicle Boy* and *Pilgrim's Progress* in January. Your year-end gift to BVI will make this possible!

### Waiting for Funding to Print:

**Stories:** *Ly Huy's Escape; Penny/Turea*  
**Hymns:** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God; We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*  
**Visualized Bible:** *NT29 Believers in Christ, NT 42 The Church, OT 9, 10 The Tabernacle Part 1, 2*

### Works in Progress:

- Walking Umbrella/Antonio:** Colorization by Melody
- Blessed Be the Name:** Former staff artist Linda McInturff continues to work on new illustrations for this popular hymn.
- I Love to Tell the Story:** Patti has been assigned the colorization of the wonderful illustrations previously rendered by Linda McInturff.
- Princess Little Feather/God's Warrior:** Freelance writer Bryan Willoughby hopes to resume work on the teaching text in January.
- Miracle for Samuelito, Praying Hyde and Secret in the Woods:** The staff is developing materials/graphics for correlated interactive CDs.
- Adventures in the Chinese World CD:** Patti is typesetting materials organized and edited by freelance writer Diane Bailey.
- Adventures in the Muslim World CD:** The finalization of this teaching material will be assigned to a freelance writer in January.

## Memorial Gifts Given in Memory of

Sharon Blaede by Pauline M McGinty  
 Ruth Fugate by Johanna Posthuma  
 Merlene D Hoppe by Elma L Jordan  
 Katherine D LeVan by James Levan

Helen Odenwelder by Grace Kegerize  
 Helen Odenwelder by Edna Kruse  
 Ruby J White by Alice C White



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# Intercessor

## A Word from the President



As we all live our fast-paced lives in a fast-paced world, God at times brings us to an oasis wherein we find rest and refreshment. So it was as we joined together on October 24 for the 50th Anniversary Banquet of BVI. What a blessed time it was!

The evening began with a mini-concert by Diane King Susek. We rejoiced as her beautiful voice rang out with hymns of praise, reminding us of Christ's redemptive work in our lives. Some had the privilege of spending time with Diane's mother reminiscing of days gone by.



Following was a presentation by ventriloquist Bevan Greiner and his pal, Julius. They had quite a discussion about the Christian life. We learned that Bevan's parents, Claire and Ruth, wrote several Visualized Bible volumes and stories.

Next came a visual presentation about BVI, from its beginning to present day activities. Included was a special tribute to Karen Weitzel, former Executive Director and her friend, Edie Cunningham, who together did so much for this organization. Also included were comments by Mabel Ruth Wray, who has played a key role throughout BVI's history.

Our banquet theme focused on how BVI has "walked God's trail" for the past 50 years and that by God's grace, we will continue to do so. Our materials will maintain a faithful commitment to provide solid doctrinal teaching materials (a priority of the Visualized Bible Series), clearly present the Gospel message and also encourage Christian growth. You will note that most of our stories contain the events in which one of the characters in the story actually comes into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

When you host a 50th anniversary celebration, there is usually a special "icing on the cake." This was true that evening. Through the free-will offering God provided sufficient funds to print the full-color version of our popular *Whiter than Snow*, a children's life-application story. In addition, other gifts were designated for the support of staff members.

As you can see from the additional photos on the right, we had a wonderful evening. Add to that the Christian fellowship among those present and you will appreciate why our time together was so special. For those of you who were not able to attend, you can still taste of the blessings. We encourage you to consider not only praying for us, but making a year end contribution to BVI. Your gift will make possible the printing of additional volumes to bring the Gospel message to young people worldwide.

May you have a blessed Christmas, remembering our Saviour's birth, and a joy-filled New Year awaiting the coming of our Lord and Saviour.  
 In Christ Alone,

## Bible Visuals International 50th Anniversary Banquet

by Melody Mayer



On October 24, 2009, Bible Visuals International celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special banquet at the Lancaster Evangelical Free Church. We are very thankful that 152 friends joined with us to celebrate that special evening.

We are also extremely grateful for the table sponsors, Board members and volunteers who helped to make this event go so smoothly. We are also thankful to those who donated items to our silent auction and for all those who placed bids. We praise God for His faithfulness and for His followers who were so generous to the BVI ministry.

If you would like to have a DVD copy of the video shown at the Banquet, please send a donation of \$3.00 earmarked 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video and we will be happy to send a copy to you.



## Meet La Rue Bowser, BVI's New Receptionist



I grew up in a Christian family and attended church at a very young age. I accepted Jesus Christ into my heart at Daily Vacation Bible School and was baptized when I was very young. Mark and I have been married for over 18 years. In December we will become members of Ephrata Community Church. I have learned through life that having Jesus Lord of your Life is a daily commitment, not a one time decision. Everyday we need to surrender to Him and His will for our life. My favorite chapter in the Bible is Psalm 91. My favorite verses are Proverbs 3:5-6.

I have been helping BVI on and off as a volunteer since Mark began freelancing for the IT department. God called me to work at BVI when Yuko made the decision to be a full-time mom and I accepted.

**Note:** Besides her duties as receptionist, La Rue (which means "The Way" in French) will also assist with maintaining BVI's web site, converting our database to another software program and processing orders.

## Translation Updates

- Amharic:** *Exploring God's Word* by Bekele G.
- Mandarin:** Visualized Bible volumes by Nancy L.
- Mongolian:** *NT Intro Volume* by missionary Daniel E.
- Slovak:** *Whiter than Snow* by Bohdana B.
- Spanish:** *NT Vol. 25* by missionary Kenneth K.