

PRAYING

FROM PAMPLIN

Mission Focus: *Canadá (NAMB)*

Our focus this week is on two of our missionaries serving in Canada:

Steven and Cindy Martins. Who serve just northwest of Buffalo in the city of St. Catharines, not far from the U.S./Canada border.

The metro area has more than 400,000 people. St. Catharines is mostly an English-speaking part of Canada. But it's also home to more than 14,000 Spanish speakers. That's the main group Steven and Cindy want to reach for Christ, without turning away anyone else. They have planted Sevilla Chapel as a Spanish/English church, meeting in a storefront building downtown on Merritt Street.

Steven leads members to use the shoe leather approach to evangelism — they go door to door, meet people and talk about Jesus. As they talk, they use the simple “Three Circles” plan to explain how only Jesus Christ can meet spiritual needs. When possible, members continue meeting with interested people and teaching the Bible. Sometimes they lead an entire family to faith and church membership. Each year the church ministers to migrant farm workers in the area, providing food, clothing and other necessities, along with the Gospel. Sometimes the church holds block parties with crafts, music and food to meet people. Let's ask the Lord to bless this couple.

Church of the Week

Cullen Baptist Church
Cullen, VA

Shut-in of the Month

Virginia Welch (Bentley Commons)
681 Good Hope Rd.
Pamplin, VA 23958

Prayer Concerns from Congregation

Government Leaders

- For wisdom for the president and administration officials as they work to improve the educational system and its availability for Americans.
- For our Supreme Court Justices making decisions that affect our nation's laws.
- For the Pamplin City Council and Mayor Sarah Hamlett Blackwell.

Church Leadership

Archie Tolley, Deacon and Ordinance Team leader.

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Big Idea: Paul's example of persevering in gospel proclamation can help us persevere when difficult times arise in our lives.

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It can be _____.

It may be _____.

Take every opportunity to proclaim the truth of the gospel. (24:10-24)

Maintain an eternal perspective. (24:25)

Where do you stand?

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