

# SEVERN, Frank/Jane

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*Serving in MI w/SEND International*

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Dear Partners:

We deeply appreciate the way you partner with us in so many ways through prayer, support and sharing emails and letters with us! Here are some ministry highlights from the last few months.

1. Speaking at two Bible College Missions weeks: God really moved among the student body at Frontier Bible College and also at Calvary Bible College. I am sure it was because of the prayer and hard work of both students and faculty as they prepared for the conferences. God enabled Frank to deliver his messages with freedom, in spite of battling with a sinus infection at both conferences. It is true that when we are weak than God gives strength. May those who made decisions continue to follow the Lord and may some of them end up among the least reach peoples of the world!
2. Our Bible study in our condo complex continues on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month. We have a regular attendance of around 15. Sometimes we have 20+. Frank teaches when we are home. We have been going through the gospel of Luke. We have some who attend who are seekers.
3. Jane is involved in many activities in our community and at church. She is very gifted at making friends and finding ways to introduce people to the good news about Jesus.
4. Frank is teaching an adult S.S. class at our church. We are using a great book by Peter Lewis entitled The Message of the Living God. It is a full School Year of material and is being greatly appreciated by the class.
5. Frank continues to be part of the Central Asia Executive Committee which oversees our work in Kazakhstan. It has been fun having the Parsons home for a few months. We praise the Lord that the proposed religious law for Kazakhstan has been sent to the President by the Constitutional Court with a strong recommendation that the law not be approved. National Church leadership believes the President will let the law die and not sign it. Most likely our next trip to Kazakhstan will be in the fall.

We do have some praise and prayer from Send's Kazakhstan ministry. First, praise! Over the last few months another Kazakh fellowship has started and we have heard of several salvation decisions among older elementary children, teens and adults. Praise the Lord for these who have chosen to follow Jesus.

Prayer Request:

- We will be ministering in Macedonia from April 6-17. Frank will be teaching Acts to church leaders, Jane will have a session with the missionary ladies and Frank will lead a seminar on church planting.
- A key Kazakh leader has recently had a "heart attack." He is a relatively young man (middle 40's) and a key ministry partner of Don Parsons. He is home from the hospital and back in ministry. Pray for wisdom as he is the kind of man who is always on the go.
- We desperately need someone who can help Don Parsons with administrative type tasks so Don can give himself to the ministry of evangelism and helping the Kazakh believers and churches grow.

We thank God for abundantly providing for our continued ministry. Although we are "retired-limited assignment" we still receive a small monthly housing allowance from SEND and use our special project account to cover that expense as well as all our travel and ministry related expenses. We have more than sufficient in that account. Thanks to all of you who continue to support our ministry.

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