

NEWSLETTER NO. 7 Mariah Yanes

May 19, 2004 by Jim Burks FLASH: A phone call, just minutes ago, confirms that Mariah will come home later this week. Stanford Doctors say medicine will treat her heart condition. Hallelujah!

MARIAH YANES is a ten-year old with a serious heart problem that may require a heart transplant. As we write, she's in Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, Ca. Mariah is delightful; her attitude is wonderful. "I need a new heart, this old one is not doing so good," she said.

Mariah is athletic, yet with a positive outlook all the time. She trusted Jesus as Savior about a year ago and enjoys attending church. Noticeably, the children's choir falls many decibels softer without her. And, Mariah has the best physical and spiritual families in the world.

Prayers for her health are needed. At last account, doctors are thinking medicine may be the proper approach. Certainly, medicine is a world of difference from a heart transplant. I pray God will bless turning the situation to treatment. Join with us in praying for Mariah, won't you?

During this emergency time Mariah's parents never leave her side. Mariah's father, Francisco, just changed jobs and has no insurance to cover the bills. However, our concern is for their living and traveling expenses while Mariah remains under hospital supervision.

Therefore, a fund has been established for Mariah. If you feel led, you may send a contribution to: Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 7697 Sycamore Drive, Citrus Heights, Ca 95610. Our church will account for the funds and send a receipt if desired.

Others, outside of our church, are helping as well. Mariah's soccer team will hold a spaghetti dinner donated by The Spaghetti Factory. Prizes from Major League Baseball, including the Giants and A's, will be raffled off. I believe it's the 22nd of May. Stay tuned!

ORDINATION OF JUSTIN BURKS took place May 15. It was a holy event attended by over 150 persons, including 22 ordained brethren from sister churches composing the presbytery. Besides looking lovely, Justin and Theresa Burks satisfied all questions asked. Found to be sound in the faith, the ordained brethren recommended that Trinity Baptist Church ordain Justin Burks to the MINISTRY OF THE GOSPEL. There was a unanimous vote of the church and the Presbytery proceeded in 'laying on of hands.' As the Burks' family stood in front of the building, the congregation passed by for a final 'good bye.' They will move to Palmdale to pastor the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church. Our prayer is for this union to sweetly grow.

INTRODUCTION is needed again; we have new names on the mailing list. My newsletter is weekly, dealing mostly with doctrinal interpretation. In 1980 I led in organizing Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Citrus Heights, Ca. Contact me at Jimthatlido@aol.com.

DOCTRINE is Biblical teaching. But most think in terms of subjects, such as: God (3 Persons), Christology (Son & Savior), Salvation (grace by faith), Church (a local, independent assembly), and so on. Doctrine, however, is more than learning Scripture; it is living the Book. Thus, ALL doctrine must be based upon Jesus and His words. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself,'" Mt 22:37, 38 & 39.

The word "LOVE" is certainly over used, but love remains the only basis for Spiritual thinking. Love alone forms Biblical motives toward God and man. Let's say it this way, 'Love is the only doctrine that man needs.' But, it must be applicable and workable within every other doctrine. Before this can happen, LOVE has to be channeled through Jesus. "If anyone loves Me,

he will keep My word,” John 14:23. Thus, spiritual people love, and also obey, both the Person and His proclamation. Jesus called His church as true witnesses of Him and His doctrine, Acts 1:8. LOVE for Jesus and His commandments are defined in the Great Commission of Mt 28:19,20. “Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”