## Personal Questions: Yvonne Davey

- What book would you like to read next?
   I am reading <u>The Death of Truth</u> at present and <u>Twelve Ordinary Men</u>. My next book to read is <u>Don't Waste Your Sorrows</u> (looking forward to that book).
- 2. What's your idea of a relaxing weekend? Being home!
- 3. Would you rather get a manicure or a pedicure?

  Never had a manicure, but had a pedicure once and I enjoyed that!
- 4. What's your favorite snack food?

  Dr. Pepper (diet) and a saucer full of Wheat Thins! Or an Apple Fritter with my Diet Dr. Pepper!
- 5. If you could be successful at any new hobby, what would you pursue?

Not interested in a new hobby—am kept busy doing what I do now, no time for anything new!

- 6. What's your favorite date night restaurant? Our date night is a Date Morning. Keith fixes pancakes EVERY Saturday morning, and then he cleans the kitchen after our leisurely breakfast! A favorite night is: after church on Sunday evenings we go home, fix grilled cheese sandwiches, popcorn and watch Hogan's Heroes! If we have friends over we still have grilled cheese sandwiches and popcorn, but we skip Hogan's Heroes so we can enjoy the fellowship with our friends!
- 7. Which household chore do you dread the most?

  Housework is my most favorite thing to do, for I always have a feeling of accomplishment when housework is done! BUT . . . I DO NOT LIKE CLEANING WINDOWS!!!!!!
- 8. In high school/college were you more interested in sports, music, the arts, or academics?

  Sports and Academics!
- Are you more of a night owl or a morning person? Morning!
- 10. What's your favorite family tradition? Our family all getting together at Christmas. Since we are such a big family, we plan our One Big Day, and it is always after December 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Prayer Questions: Yvonne Davey

We long to "struggle in prayer on your behalf" Col.4:12

1. We want to **thank God** with you for the gospel bearing fruit in your family/ministry. Can you give us a recent example of His hand at work in your life? (Col.1:5)

The most recent is in connection with the Home-going of our son, Timothy. I saw the grace of God at work in the lives of each family member, and we were all able to sing praises to Him as we watched Him take our son to be with Him. Timothy took his last breath on this old earth on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:22 and took his first breath in heaven at 11:22—what a blessing to know Timothy's forwarding address. God is so faithful!

2. In which specific ways can we ask God to grant you <u>wisdom</u>? (Col.1:9)

As you pray Col. 1:9 for me, also pray Ephesians 3:16 for me as well, that I will be "strengthened with might through His Spirit in my inner man." I need His wisdom as I daily prepare for my ladies Bible study on Tuesday mornings. I am not very smart and have no wisdom of my own, so I have to study daily to be prepared to teach for one hour every Tuesday.

3. For which particular people/needs can we request of God to grant you <u>fruit</u>? (Col. 1:10)

For our opportunities with our Military, and also for me with the missionary wives on our MTM team. And for those ladies who come to Bible study. He is working, but I desire to see more fruit.

4. For which tasks can we ask God to give you **endurance/strength**? (Col. 1:11)

Wisdom for new ways to keep in touch with the wives of MTM. I need to be more creative in my outreach to each one of them, for we are a Team, and I desire for them to reach out to each other. It takes many hours for me to prepare a Bible lesson for Tuesday, so do pray for endurance to stick to my studies. I do have a team of ladies who are faithful to pray for me, especially on Mondays as I put my lesson together. It is a privilege, but an awesome responsibility to handle the word of God. I never want to teach an error, so I check with my husband (and pastor at times) to be sure we're on the same page theologically and practically.

5. In what ways do you need God to empower you with **joyful** patience? (Col. 1:11)

I desire to be as patient, kind, and loving to each of the wives on our MTM Team, and in our Bible study, just as the Lord is so patient, kind, and loving to me!

## Personal Questions: Davina Davies

- 1. What book would you like to read next? Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret
- 2. What's your idea of a relaxing weekend? Swimming at the pool with the fam in the summer!
- 3. Would you rather get a manicure or a pedicure? Pedicure
- 4. What's your favorite snack food? Strawberries
- 5. If you could be successful at any new hobby, what would you pursue?

Calligraphy

- 6. What's your favorite date night restaurant? Red Lobster
- 7. Which household chore do you dread the most?

  Mopping the floors and folding clothes—it's a toss up ©
- 8. In high school/college were you more interested in sports, music, the arts, or academics?

  Sports
- 9. Are you more of a night owl or a morning person?

  Definitely a morning person
- 10. What's your favorite family tradition? Playing games/family time on Friday nights

## Prayer Questions: Davina Davies

We long to "struggle in prayer on your behalf" Col.4:12

1. We want to **thank God** with you for the gospel bearing fruit in your family/ministry. Can you give us a recent example of His hand at work in your life? (Col.1:5)

We have had several opportunities to speak with one of our sons as his awareness of God, sin, eternal matters is growing. There is a sensitivity that has not been present before. Pray that God will continue to work in his heart and keep his heart sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

- 2. In which specific ways can we ask God to grant you <u>wisdom</u>? (Col.1:9)
  - ★ Wisdom in how to best meet Andv's needs
  - → In discerning those things are BEST not just acceptable
  - → In how I spend my time
- 3. For which particular people/needs can we request of God to grant you **fruit**? (Col. 1:10)

We are praying for a core group of guys (students) that God will bring along to help lead the Bible studies.

- 4. For which tasks can we ask God to give you **endurance/strength**? (Col. 1:11)
  - → Homeschooling with the boys
  - → Pregnancy—really nauseous
  - + Getting everything packed and organized for our move to Blacksburg
- 5. In what ways do you need God to empower you with **joyful patience**? (Col. 1:11)
  - → With day-to-day faithfulness in the seemingly mundane tasks of motherhood
  - → That God will empower me with joyful patience as I fill out expense reports, paperwork that has to be submitted monthly

# Personal Questions: Jill Gray

- 1. What book would you like to read next? Becoming a Woman of Simplicity, Cynthia Heald
- What's your idea of a relaxing weekend?
   Spending time with my family at home, making a meal using new recipes, spending time at Back Bay Wildlife Refuge or outside enjoying nature.
- 3. Would you rather get a manicure or a pedicure? Pedicure
- 4. What's your favorite snack food? Kettle Corn
- 5. If you could be successful at any new hobby, what would you pursue?

Cake Decorating

- 6. What's your favorite date night restaurant? Surf Rider
- 7. Which household chore do you dread the most? *Washing Windows*
- 8. In high school/college were you more interested in sports, music, the arts, or academics?

  Music
- 9. Are you more of a night owl or a morning person? Morning Person
- 10. What's your favorite family tradition? Every time we take a trip or vacation we buy an ornament for our Christmas tree that represents that place. Every Christmas when we decorate the tree we reminisce about our trips and the memories we made.

## Prayer Questions: Jill Gray

We long to "struggle in prayer on your behalf" Col.4:12

1. We want to **thank God** with you for the gospel bearing fruit in your family/ministry. Can you give us a recent example of His hand at work in your life? (Col.1:5)

Daily I am blessed to see the Lord moving. In January, when I fractured my leg and sprained my ankle, it was so humbling to see the body of Christ join together to minister to us and meet our needs. People brought us meals, sent cards, provided transportation and prayed for us. We felt very loved.

We had a woman come to us for shelter. She had been homeless for 20 years. She trusted Christ while she was with us. She recently moved into her own apartment. She had never had a place of her own and was so grateful for all God had done for her. It was such a blessing to watch God transform her life.

2. In which specific ways can we ask God to grant you <u>wisdom</u>? (Col.1:9)

John and I are constantly put in positions where we need to make decisions and direct people. Please pray that we will not lean on our own understanding but seek the Lord and glorify Him. Also that we would live in a way that sets a Godly example. Lastly, as we raise two teenagers that God would lead us in our parenting.

3. For which particular people/needs can we request of God to grant you **fruit**? (Col. 1:10)

Please pray that Abigail and Joshua will have a genuine personal love for Christ and would grow in their relationship with Him. Please pray that God would bring lasting fruit in the lives of the men and women who come to the shelters. Please pray that God would provide for a few part time staff needs in the shelter.

4. For which tasks can we ask God to give you <a href="mailto:endurance/strength">endurance/strength</a>? (Col. 1:11)

Please pray that God would help me to balance my personal relationship with him, ministering to my family, the work of the ministry and investing in the lives of those around me.

5. In what ways do you need God to empower you with **joyful patience**? (Col. 1:11)

Please pray that I would have patience in prayer and waiting on the Lord for his timing and answers.

## Personal Questions: Marci Mongold

- What book would you like to read next?
   I promised my daughter, Julia, my next book to read will be "When People are Big and God is Small"
- 3. Would you rather get a manicure or a pedicure? *Manicure*
- 4. What's your favorite snack food? Nuts, dried or fresh fruit, cheese
- 5. If you could be successful at any new hobby, what would you pursue?

There's always so much to learn about gardening! I have finally learned you either have kids or...you have a beautiful yard. So I have kids...that I try to plow into loving what God made on the third day of creation!

- 6. What's your favorite date night restaurant? Wherever the restaurant name on the gift card points us. ©
- 7. Which household chore do you dread the most?

  Should I be embarrassed to admit I actually enjoy housework?

  Now if I could only freeze my kids temporarily I could actually get to it!
- 8. In high school/college were you more interested in sports, music, the arts, or academics?

I'm hesitant to answer this question because it would lead to the logical conclusion that I was actually good in one of those areas...which would most assuredly be untrue!! I do know that I was not blessed in the sports arena...I'm average in academics...I can't play the piano or clarinet, despite all the lessons, and the crafts class I finally got to take in high school was loads of fun.

- 9. Are you more of a night owl or a morning person?

  Morning person! My kids take after their dad and are night owls.

  This works well for me, especially for my devotional time.
- 10. What's your favorite family tradition?

  I personally love preparing my kid's favorite meal for their birthday.

  I'm guessing they like it because there are more human bodies around our table on those occasions. The more the merrier!

## Prayer Questions: Marci Mongold

We long to "struggle in prayer on your behalf" Col.4:12

1. We want to **thank God** with you for the gospel bearing fruit in your family/ministry. Can you give us a recent example of His hand at work in your life? (Col.1:5)

[Recently] Glenn had a group of Chinese at the church. They arrived after services, but when they saw the auditorium, they promptly sat in the pews and started thumbing through the Bibles and hymnbooks in the pew racks. Glenn presented Christ to them through scripture and a hands-on illustration. There was doubt in Glenn's mind about how much they truly understood. After the "preaching time," the men scattered around the building to use the church's Wi-Fi. Piling into the van later, the Chinese in the front seat spoke seriously to Glenn, "I understood everything you spoke to us about God tonight." It was an encouraging moment furthered when Glenn discovered the men sharing the illustration with their crewmates back on the ship! Pray this encounter will cause them to read the Chinese scriptures that were given to them. God's Word knows what to do with an open soul!

2. In which specific ways can we ask God to grant you <u>wisdom</u>? (Col.1:9)

There is always a need to have great wisdom in presenting Christ to these men. Glenn is [often] the first person to come to them with a clear explanation of the Gospel. It is a huge responsibility, and only the Holy Spirit can drive the truth into their souls. Glenn often finds himself crying out to God how he can expose these men to the truth of God's Word in a fresh and living way, especially when unable to speak in their mother tongue.

On a practical level, Glenn often runs into scheduling problems, trying to service multiple ships. Pray the Lord keeps him "even keel" so these men can see Christ's peace even when Glenn has men wanting him to go 50 different directions at once!

For years, I, Marci, have struggled to keep up with letter writing for this ministry. Prayers are welcome for God's wisdom to keep my computer happy and my schedule honoring to the Lord so I can accomplish this to gain the prayer support needed for the sailors.

3. For which particular people/needs can we request of God to grant you **fruit**? (Col. 1:10)

Mainland Chinese have been increasingly on our hearts. There seems to be an influx of more Chinese arriving in our ports. Filipinos are easy to converse with in English. Chinese—not as easy. We would love to see these Chinese sailors come to know Christ. Our daughter is scheduled to move to China this summer to teach in an international elementary school. This is fueling our interest in seeing God work salvation among this ethnic group.

4. For which tasks can we ask God to give you <a href="mailto:endurance/strength">endurance/strength</a>? (Col. 1:11)

To be quite honest, Indians can be very strength and patience sapping. Surely it is a cultural thing. Yet at times (not always!) it can be somewhat wearying when Indians are in port. They tend to not work together as a group. (As a side note, Filipinos do work together beautifully as a group.) Indians tend to also be very demanding. They likewise have no problem staying up all night. (They know Wal-mart stays open 24 hours. (It's easy to feel like a frazzled teacher with a bunch of unruly kids on a field trip. (It's easy to feel like a frazzled teacher with a

Thankfully, the Lord has given many special times of giving out God's good news to these men. But, yes, supernatural endurance and strength are needed. Human strength runs out way before quitting time! God's strength and endurance are eternal. Praise His Name!

5. In what ways do you need God to empower you with **joyful patience**? (Col. 1:11)

Surprisingly, joyful patience is often needed when Glenn learns of the way some Americans treat these international seafaring men. Since 9-11, "escort services" are demanded by some ports to even allow these men off the ships at a hefty price. Taxi drivers take them to Wal-Mart 3 cities over; other Americans sell them items at a markup or trick them into buying phones that aren't activated, etc. Americans need a Savior too. Pray as Glenn often reaches out to Americans in less than ideal situations. They, too, need to see the sweet humility of Christ in the lives of His servants.

We also ask for your prayers that our testimony for Christ would be strongest within the four walls of our home. It is so important for our children to see a Christ who changes our lives and attitudes. We want our testimony to be part of what the Lord uses to cause them to give their all to this wonderful Savior. He is so worthy!

Now our son would say we need joyful patience with the new little puppy he snuck into our once peaceful home, but we would be quick to tell you not to bother adding that to your prayer list! We are wisely praying he and the pup move out soon! Thankfully, we got our answer to that prayer. He's getting married this fall!

In closing, we are SOOO thankful for Colonial Baptist!! Your prayers, concern, communication and support are so vital. We love you all and thank the Lord for your zeal for His work often! The Lord bless you abundantly!!

## Personal Questions: Karis Seely

- What book would you like to read next?
   The Summons to Become—a missionary's writings of her family's first term in Africa
- 2. What's your idea of a relaxing weekend?

  Not having anything on our schedule and hanging out with family or friends. Maybe throw in some thrift shopping too.
- 3. Would you rather get a manicure or a pedicure? *Pedicure*
- 4. What's your favorite snack food?

  Perhaps due to my indecisive nature in general, I am horrible at "what's your favorite" questions. I love too many different types of snack food, but I would probably have to say Oreos.
- 5. If you could be successful at any new hobby, what would you pursue?

Scrapbooking

- 6. What's your favorite date night restaurant?

  In Cameroon, that's easy—it's called La Salsa, but there is no Mexican food there despite what the name made us think the first time. In the US, there are just too many amazing choices to have a favorite, but I think Red Lobster because that's my husband's favorite and I like it too. (I told you I'm bad at favorite questions).
- 7. Which household chore do you dread the most?

  Dusting
- 8. In high school/college were you more interested in sports, music, the arts, or academics?

Hmmm...from that list, I would have to say academics although that thought kinda' makes me giggle.

- 9. Are you more of a night owl or a morning person? Night Owl
- 10. What's your favorite family tradition? Friday Night Family Night—pizza and movie

## Prayer Questions: Karis Seely

We long to "struggle in prayer on your behalf" Col.4:12

1. We want to **thank God** with you for the gospel bearing fruit in your family/ministry. Can you give us a recent example of His hand at work in your life? (Col.1:5)

We were recently at a missions conference where the preaching was...well... not the solid kind we're used to hearing at Colonial, and I had to talk to myself and tell myself to look to be easily blessed by God's Word. The fruit bearing in my life was a changed mindset about this preacher's presentation of God's Word followed by more conviction and encouragement through the preaching than I had experienced in any other missions conference. It was exactly what I needed. Dan and I left there amazed and praising the Lord for His hand in our lives. His Word is alive and life-changing.

Also...

[Recently] while at a missions conference, we staved with a family who is young in the faith. The wife had an excitement for God and a boldness that challenged me greatly, but she was also suffering from depression and baggage from her past. She was very negative especially about things going on in the church, and she was very self-focused. My heart was so heavy for her, and I longed to share "just the right words" to encourage her how to think biblically through the difficulties of her life. I knew the gospel that had saved her and rescued her from a pit had the same power to transform her in day-to-day life, and I just didn't know where to start with her. She was so outspoken, and I found myself holding words back even though there were so many things running through my mind that I longed to share with her. We had lots of interaction over those four days, and by the end, I found myself opening up more with her, but I just felt that it wasn't enough because I never found a way to be more direct with her. Imagine my surprise when people were giving testimonies during the last service and she stands up and says with tears that she was so thankful for our family staying with them and that she had really been struggling with certain things and that we taught her how to have grace towards people that think differently than she does and that she needs to be more humble. Tears filled my eyes because I never said those things to her, but I had wanted to encourage her along those exact lines and had felt like a failure that I hadn't said more. It was the Holy Spirit that worked, and she was sensitive to His speaking without me being gifted in my own speech. This was gospel bearing fruit in this outspoken woman's life in her journey of sanctification. It was His hand in my life that gave me the privilege to be a part of it.

- In which specific ways can we ask God to grant you <u>wisdom</u>? (Col.1:9)
  - → Parenting—the normal parenting issues and also being a family on the road a lot. We love our time of reporting to churches and being in lots of homes, but it keeps us from a routine and requires the kids to adapt to new situations constantly.
  - → Use of time both here and when I return to Cameroon
  - + Cultural understanding as I return to Cameroon in July—so important for building friendships and ministering in another culture
  - → Smooth transition back into life that is all in French except with my family—being in the States has made me rusty with French.
  - + There are so many physical needs of our loved ones in Cameroon. I need wisdom to know how to have a heart wide open to freely give without causing more harm than good.
- 3. For which particular people/needs can we request of God to grant you **fruit**? (Col. 1:10)
  - → My sister, Karen, who is away from the Lord
  - → My friend, Christine, who was my first language partner in Cameroon—when we go back, I want to get back in her life as she has gone through some struggles in her spiritual life
  - → Delphine, who is my best Cameroonian friend as she serves the Lord in her very difficult circumstances of life
  - + A new friend who is struggling and whose Navy husband is about to leave for several months
- 4. For which tasks can we ask God to give you **endurance/strength**? (Col. 1:11)
  - → Raising young children in other people's homes and churches
  - + When we return to Cameroon, raising children in a culture that has some different values than I have as an American
  - → Preparation to go back to Cameroon in July—details to work out both here and there
  - → Saying good-bye to our families again in July and helping our children transition back to Cameroon as they are older this time
- 5. In what ways do you need God to empower you with **joyful patience**? (Col. 1:11)
  - → Being a mom with young children (yes, it's a theme but it's the ministry that consumes the most of my time, and I desire to make the most of these parenting years
  - → Joyful patience as we some of those we love in Cameroon have wavered in their faith but have not gone away completely. Showing grace, mercy, and love to them without growing weary
  - + I need God to empower me with joyful patience for parts of our life in Cameroon that are inconvenient like water cuts, electricity cuts, very slow internet, as well as for life which operates around people rather than on a schedule

## Personal Questions: Amy Lander

- 1. What book would you like to read next? A biography on George Washington
- 2. What's your idea of a relaxing weekend?

  Not doing work; I like to visit a new city with my family, or we like to hike or bike on trails.
- 3. Would you rather get a manicure or a pedicure? *A pedicure*
- 4. What's your favorite snack food? Grapes, oranges, cheddar Sun Chips, pico de gallo and black corn chips
- 5. If you could be successful at any new hobby, what would you pursue?

Gardening

- 6. What's your favorite date night restaurant? The Cheesecake Factory
- 7. Which household chore do you dread the most? Scrubbing the bathtub or washing the windows
- 8. In high school/college were you more interested in sports, music, the arts, or academics? *Volleyball and history*
- 9. Are you more of a night owl or a morning person? Definitely a night owl
- 10. What's your favorite family tradition?

  I love going to the suburbs of Chicago every summer and doing the bike trails daily with my parents and the whole family. We stop and get ice cream or breakfast along the way

## Prayer Questions: Amy Lander

We long to "struggle in prayer on your behalf" Col.4:12

1. We want to **thank God** with you for the gospel bearing fruit in your family/ministry. Can you give us a recent example of His hand at work in your life? (Col.1:5)

My husband is running a full-time home improvement business, running the Little Creek Center, working on deputation, and maintaining the center property and our family. We are also involved in discipling and counseling many servicemen and women. It is a busy life, however, we are enjoying seeing God "do the work." Our time is limited, so He has been faithfully taking care of the details. He brings my husband new clients daily and weekly for his business; He brings servicemen and women out to the Center that want to grow in God's Word; He has allowed the Chaplains to be gracious enough to give both my husband and I base passes to Little Creek and Fort Story; He has brought in over 55% of our support without us ever having to meet in a church yet for deputation.

2. In which specific ways can we ask God to grant you <u>wisdom</u>? (Col.1:9)

We need wisdom...

- → In balancing our family/children with the ministry.
- + How to individually disciple and counsel each person that we encounter through the base and the Center.
- → How to manage our time wisely.
- → There are a lot of women that come to the Center. Pray that I can have wisdom with how to make time for them.
- → We need wisdom with how to better lead the people that have volunteered at our Center.
- 3. For which particular people/needs can we request of God to grant you <u>fruit</u>? (Col. 1:10)

We would like to first of all see fruit in our sons. We would hope that they would accept God's gracious gift of salvation for themselves. We would also pray that they would get the heart and vision for reaching the lost through their interactions with the servicemen and women that we minister to. Also, please pray that these men and women will be gripped by the fact that God loves them and covers them with His grace and mercy. Pray that they will fall in love with His Word and that they will crave to grow and learn of their Savior. We are also trying to work on being better church members. It has been difficult to be involved at church with all of the other things that we are doing. But, the body of Christ is very important to us, so pray that we can build relationships at church as we are so busy with ministry outside of church.

- 4. For which tasks can we ask God to give you <u>endurance/strength?</u> (Col. 1:11)
  - → Juggling work, ministry, deputation, family, ministering to people
  - + Pray as summer comes; it is a lot of work to maintain the Center grounds. Pray for helpers in that area. If we have to focus on weeds, mowing, etc., that is less time that we get to spend ministering and teaching others God's Word.
  - → Endurance through this deputation process. Our heart's desire is to be in ministry full-time. Pray that we can line up meetings in churches.
- 5. In what ways do you need God to empower you with **joyful patience**? (Col. 1:11)
  - → I need patience to love those that are not easy to love and for those who are making lifestyle choices contrary to the Word of God.
  - → I need patience with being frustrated with my husband's busy schedule.
  - → I need patience for dealing with homeschooling and working at the Center.
  - + I need patience and help with juggling our own extended family and the family that God has given us at the Center and at church.

# Personal Questions: Elaina Lehner

- 1. What book would you like to read next? 100 Cupboards
- 2. What's your idea of a relaxing weekend?

  Just all the family hanging out without school
- 3. Would you rather get a manicure or a pedicure? *Pedicure*
- 4. What's your favorite snack food? Fruit salad, chocolate chips, banana chips, and rolls
- 5. If you could be successful at any new hobby, what would you pursue?

Art...like painting. But drawing would be cool too. ©

- 6. What's your favorite date night restaurant? Chick-fil-a?
- 7. Which household chore do you dread the most? Probably dusting the top of the downstairs shower...though it doesn't really necessarily always have to be dusted, I do it anyway...so I just don't really like cleaning that particular shower as a whole then.
- 8. In high school/college were you more interested in sports, music, the arts, or academics?

Uh...arts? I don't do a whole lot of 'em...sounds good though. © But I guess academics are really my favorites.

- 9. Are you more of a night owl or a morning person?

  I guess it depends on when I go to bed and wake up, probably...I suppose that recently I'd be considered a night owl 'cause I sleep in...though I'd like to be one of them early birds. 

  ©
- 10. What's your favorite family tradition?

Well...it's not really too sentimental this one...but I like that we have quesadillas and ice-cream on Sunday afternoon...but I guess my REAL favorite, now that I think about it, is when we get out our Christmas decorations and there are boxes everywhere and we all decorate and put on Christmas music and in the evening we watch a Christmas movie while having hot chocolate and later we put up the tree. © Everyone is all happy and us younger ones are like jumpin' around and havin' fun. The end ©

## Prayer Questions: Elaina Lehner

We long to "struggle in prayer on your behalf" Col.4:12

1. We want to **thank God** with you for the gospel bearing fruit in your family/ministry. Can you give us a recent example of His hand at work in your life? (Col.1:5)

When we moved overseas, He allowed Virginia to come over with us which was amazing. She was a great help to both the ministry via cooking for the professors who came to teach and for our family (she did a lot more than just cooking ③), allowing my mom to better homeschool us and be available for other things too.

2. In which specific ways can we ask God to grant you <u>wisdom</u>? (Col.1:9)

Perhaps just in learning and adjusting to a new language and culture. I don't really want to make mistakes. Though it will probably happen...but I would be very happy if I didn't mess up culturally.

3. For which particular people/needs can we request of God to grant you <u>fruit</u>? (Col. 1:10)

To look at whatever situation that God puts me in and to be thankful and to look at the half cup of tea that I do have...so thankfulness and contentment too.

4. For which tasks can we ask God to give you **endurance/strength**? (Col. 1:11)

I guess language and culture would also fall under this. I would imagine that it would be tiring and perhaps slightly overwhelming to keep adjusting to a foreign place and new language, but I know that in doing so I am more able to communicate with Chinese and therefore can be more available for God to better use me in China.

5. In what ways do you need God to empower you with **joyful patience**? (Col. 1:11)

Umm...maybe just to be willing or content (and joyful and patient) to stay put in China till whenever it is (though I would assume college) that I am able to come see my American home/family.

# Personal Questions: Karen Salisbury

- What book would you like to read next?
   I enjoy reading Lynn Austin. Just finished Chronicles of the Kings.
   Haven't read any of her other books.
- 2. What's your idea of a relaxing weekend? Sitting on a porch, reading a book, playing games
- 3. Would you rather get a manicure or a pedicure?

  Manicure
- 4. What's your favorite snack food? *Anything crunchy*
- 5. If you could be successful at any new hobby, what would you pursue?

  Quilting
- 6. What's your favorite date night restaurant? Ruby Tuesday
- 7. Which household chore do you dread the most? Dusting
- 8. In high school/college were you more interested in sports, music, the arts, or academics?

  Academics
- 9. Are you more of a night owl or a morning person? Night Owl
- 10. What's your favorite family tradition?

  Making up our own cards for birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

## Prayer Questions: Karen Salisbury

We long to "struggle in prayer on your behalf" Col.4:12

1. We want to **thank God** with you for the gospel bearing fruit in your family/ministry. Can you give us a recent example of His hand at work in your life? (Col.1:5)

Having good meetings with the children here in PA the past two weeks, challenging them concerning missions.

- In which specific ways can we ask God to grant you <u>wisdom</u>? (Col.1:9)
  - + Our daughter is going through a very difficult trial. We need wisdom in how to encourage her in the Lord and to support her through this time.
  - → Son and daughter-in-law coming the week after Colonial. Antje is not a Christian, and we need the Holy Spirit's guidance in knowing when and how to share with her.
- 3. For which particular people/needs can we request of God to grant you <u>fruit</u>? (Col. 1:10)
- 4. For which tasks can we ask God to give you **endurance/strength**? (Col. 1:11)

Difficulty with traveling, packing and helping Bill due to my broken heel. Going out of the country for 2-and-a-half weeks in April.

5. In what ways do you need God to empower you with **joyful patience**? (Col. 1:11)

Patience as I wait for the Lord to work in my son and daughter-inlaw's hearts. Joyful patience as I wait through this long healing process for my foot.

## Personal Questions: Betsy Sargent

- 1. What book would you like to read next?

  The Peacemaker, War of Words, Boundaries, Plant Propagation, all of which I have but need to read or finish reading.
- What's your idea of a relaxing weekend? Going for a hike or camping. Getting out of the house or working in the yard.
- 3. Would you rather get a manicure or a pedicure? Manicure (Both make me uncomfortable though.)
- 4. What's your favorite snack food? *Cookies*
- 5. If you could be successful at any new hobby, what would you pursue?

A nursery for propagating plants

- 6. What's your favorite date night restaurant? Royal Garden
- 7. Which household chore do you dread the most? Sorting piles of clutter
- 8. In high school/college were you more interested in sports, music, the arts, or academics?

Music and academics and a little bit of sports

- 9. Are you more of a night owl or a morning person? I'm naturally a night owl but have had to change my schedule to accommodate kids and a husband who actually functions when he wakes up!
- 10. What's your favorite family tradition?

  Playing games after Thanksgiving dinner. I love to play games anytime, but no one else in the family really does.

### Prayer Questions: Betsy Sargent

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1. We want to **thank God** with you for the gospel bearing fruit in your family/ministry. Can you give us a recent example of His hand at work in your life? (Col.1:5)

God is bringing me through a difficult discipling experience with help of a godly woman.

2. In which specific ways can we ask God to grant you <u>wisdom</u>? (Col.1:9)

To be a good mom to our grown kids and a good teacher of our grandchildren; for our involvement in ministry, and for good time management with both.

3. For which particular people/needs can we request of God to grant you **fruit**? (Col. 1:10)

I want to have boldness to share Christ with others and demonstrate true love and truth to those I come in contact with, especially my family.

4. For which tasks can we ask God to give you **endurance/strength**? (Col. 1:11)

Ministry plans/goals

5. In what ways do you need God to empower you with **joyful patience**? (Col. 1:11)

In dealing with a difficult person