

# Partners in Prayer

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Dear Friends,

How are you doing these days? Are you getting tired of living under restrictions? Tired of listening and reading the news? Tired of a "new normal" and want things as they used to be? Has all of this upset in life pushed you closer to the Lord than ever before? I hope the answer to the last question is a confident, "YES!" Thank the Lord that He has a purpose for anything HE allows, and often that purpose is just to see us trust Him more and become more obedient to Him and all that He asks of us in His Word.

As 2022 began, Gary began his involvement with learning how to oversee the World Team online learning system which is used for ongoing training of our missionaries. He is slowly learning the tasks involved in oversight of the system. Gary has already served as a facilitator in many of the courses, but now will learn to administer the system as well as the very practical aspects of making sure all of the pieces of the online system function as they should. One task was to learn the mechanics of the Moodle based online learning system. The term "Moodle" won't mean much to many people, but to those who have used online learning systems they will understand what Gary is involved in doing. Here are some of the courses which are taught in the World Team system.



One of the first things Gary learned to do was check and edit hyperlinks and other material in the online courses and associated videos, PDF and Word files. Everything has to be in place and accessible to the students, our World Team missionaries, when they log in to the system and begin a course. How did Gary learn to check this part of the system? By going through the entire Discipleship course and checking every single online document and it's hyperlinks. He has a lot more still to learn. At least the HTML part was not new to him. *Please pray that Gary can quickly learn all the functions of the learning system, the time lines for planning and oversight, and all else that is needed.*

We are both involved in World Team online study and prayer groups. Sandra meets online with a group of World Team women once a month and Gary with some World Team men every two weeks. Gary's group does a study and then pray's together, Sandra's group share and pray together. We also both lead online Bible studies for our church, Gary one for couples, Sandra for women. *Ask the Lord to make these great times of learning, encouraging and praying for one another.*



In the middle of January we had a great vacation, skiing with Christy and Christian at Panorama Resort in eastern BC. It was a relaxing time and also a special time for us as we spent an extended period of time with Christy and Christian. For Christian, who only began skiing three years ago, it was his first time on a huge mountain. Instead of a few minutes to make a run down the mountain, a descent from peak to valley could take half an hour. All of us had a great time.

In early February most of our family, except Christy and Christian, contracted the Omicron variant of COVID. Our grandson Alex passed it on to his sister and dad and then to his mom. We received it from our granddaughter Caitlyn when we had her over for a couple of hours. We had the mildest of symptoms, not even sick. Our kids and grandchildren a little worse but also not very sick. We thank the Lord that Christy and Christian have stayed safe from COVID. *Please continue to pray that Christy stays well.* Although she is triple vaccinated, she is also on immunosuppressant medications because she is a lung transplant recipient.

In Cuba we are helping the Los Pinos Nuevos Seminary open a new location in the city of Camaguey. Money that has been raised over the past months was recently taken to Cuba by one of our World Team missionaries who teaches in Cuba. The funds we were able to provide will enable renovation of an existing building and pay for student materials for the coming year of studies. *Please ask the Lord to guide the leaders and teachers in the six Seminary locations, using them to impact the life of each student.*

While Gary spends most of his days working in his office, Sandra spends a great deal of her time out with people. She helps them, prays with them, listens to them and helps them with the decisions they often have to make. Gary's company during the day is our cat Harlee who sits on a chair identical to Gary's. They spend 9 or 10 hours a day together.



Our lives are full, sometimes overly so, but we are happy in all that we do. We thank the Lord for his blessings. We thank Him for our children and grandchildren and His care of each of them. And we thank the Lord for each person who is a partner with us in ministry through prayer and financial help to our support. You, too, are a blessing to us.

In Jesus' love,

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