

Partners in Prayer

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Dear Church Family,

Easter is drawing near. It is always a very clear reminder of why we have spent most of our lives serving as missionaries with World Team. Jesus died for our sins. He rose again. When we personally receive His gift of salvation our sins are forgiven and we become citizens of His Kingdom. Eternal life is ours. Easter. Celebrate it! Give thanks and praise to God for His incredible gift of eternal life to all who would receive it. Be blessed.

The two of us have reached 70 years of age. We have been serving with World Team since the summer of 1986. What an incredible privilege we have had as church planters and then overseeing and helping others who are planting churches. We have lived in different parts of the world. We have had the privilege of sharing Jesus with many people. We have seen them come to know Jesus as Saviour and seen them grow and mature in Christ. The Lord has blessed us and been so good to us.

We don't plan to retire quite yet, but we do plan to slow down a bit. We are going to continue with our current World Team ministry but at the end of March will become what World Team calls Active Retirees. We are moving from receiving monthly support from World Team to receiving Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security benefits. Our last support for salary, from all who have faithfully helped us and prayed for us over these many years, will come to us at the end of March. After that we will need your continued prayer support, but only a tiny bit of support to cover ministry expenses, but not salary. Do you know a young missionary who needs financial support? Why not begin helping them?

Please pray our transition goes smoothly and ask the Lord to show you a young missionary whom you could begin to support.



During January and February Gary oversaw one of our World Team online courses for 25 Cambodia team members. Three facilitators, seasoned WT missionaries, each worked with one of 3 classes from the Cambodia missionary group. The course was called, "Church: Nurturing Communities of Faith," and is the third in our World Team training series. The course helps missionaries as they form a group of new believers into a church and seek to instill into the new church a passion for multiplying themselves, multiplying disciples and seeing their church not just grow, but begin more churches around them. *Please pray that what was learned will be applied by all who took the course.*

We have another online course scheduled for the beginning of April. It is called, "Evangelism: Abundantly Sowing the Seed." It covers many important topics, including the great differences between different cultures and how they receive the gospel message. This course is open to all our World Team missionaries. *Please pray that many register for the course.*

Gary is planning on travelling to Cuba on April 16, staying there for a week. He will meet with the new Los Pinos Nuevos denomination president, Josué Villar Acosta, and with others. Gary will visit the Los Pinos Nuevos Seminary and talk with those who are there, as well as visiting some churches and pastors. As always, the critical issue is that Gary's Cuban Religious Visa is issued in time for the trip. The application was made at the beginning of January, but nothing is ever certain in Cuba. *Please pray that Gary's Religious Visa is issued well ahead of his Cuba departure date, and ask the Lord to use him as he speaks to leaders in Cuba.*

Ski season is almost over. It may end even sooner than planned! Temperatures are forecast to soar to over 20 degrees Celsius by this weekend, which does not bode well for the snow on our mountains. However with the end of ski season comes the beginning of camping and hiking season. For us it is a change of sports and a change of friends, since we are with mostly different people in the winter than in the summer. *Please ask the Lord to use us as He desires.*

We are involved in a great many activities which keep us with people who do not know Jesus as Saviour. Our desire is, of course, that they make that vital decision. We want the Lord to use us however He desires so that friends come to know the Saviour as we do. *Please ask the Lord to use us in all of our relationships with others, opening the door to spiritual conversations.*

As we look back across the many years we have ministered with World Team we see how God has answered prayer, your prayers, and enabled us to serve Him. As we continue to serve, we are so thankful for each person who prays for us and the ministries to which the Lord has called us. You are an integral part of our team and we truly appreciate you.

In Jesus' love,

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