

Partners in Prayer

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Dear Church Family,

At the end of May our missionary status changed from active, supported missionaries to active retirees with World Team. Nothing has changed in our ministry except that instead of being supported by all who have been so faithful to us over the many years of our missionary career, we are now receiving Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security benefits. We continue to serve in the same ministries we did last year.

Why are we still ministering even though we are retired? We love what we are doing and are still able to minister. We have slowed down, and are taking more time off for ourselves, but we don't want to just walk away from ministry yet. One thing that has changed is that our prayer letters now go by e-mail only, since we won't have a lot of money to pay postage.

It is May, and for us that means camping, hiking and canoeing season instead of ski season. We share our life in Christ with a different group of people, those we encounter as we walk around a campground or meet as we hike. *Please pray, asking the Lord to use us as we enjoy the mountains and lakes where we camp, hike and canoe.*

May 31 is our anniversary, and this year we celebrated 49 years together. For the past few years we have gone camping in Manning Provincial Park for our anniversary. It is up in the mountains so can be cool. Our first day the afternoon temperature was 8 degrees Celsius, and the low that night was -2 C. The next day was beautiful and warm, with a high of 18 degrees. We had a wonderful sunny hike, although there was still snow on parts of the trail. That is what is to be expected when hiking around a ski resort at the end of May.

In April Gary was supposed to go to Cuba to speak with leaders of the Los Pinos Nuevos denomination. That trip did not happen. His Cuban Religious Visa was not issued. Los Pinos Nuevos leaders asked Gary to reschedule his visit for the middle of June. A wonderful friend and Cuba supporter, a pastor from Michigan, will be making the trip with Gary. We received word that Gary's visa has been approved and should be in the hands of Los Pinos Nuevos leaders this week. *Please ask the Lord to guide in Gary's trip as he speaks with Los Pinos Nuevos president **Josué Villar Acosta**, Seminary rector **Jaisel Piñeiro**, and others. Pray, too, for all the flight connections on the way to and from Cuba.*



Our Anniversary Hike

We have a new Cuba project to tell you about. Los Pinos Nuevos has an old Toyota 10 passenger van which has over 2 million kilometres on the odometer. It is on it's last legs and can't be repaired or rebuilt any more. A replacement is needed. We would like to help raise funds for a new van. If you would like to help, donations can be made online at World Team or by mail to one of the addresses at the end of this letter. The project is called "Cuba Vehicle Project" and the project number is 40544. You can find a place to donate on the World Team website, or send us an e-mail and we can send you a project form. *Please pray that we are able to raise \$15,000 to help with this project.*

World Team, and probably every other mission, desperately needs more missionaries. There are people groups scattered throughout the world who need to hear the good news of salvation in Jesus. There are so many countries where the Gospel message still needs to be heard. Do you know someone whom the Lord might be calling to serve in Paraguay, Brazil, Bangladesh, Chad, Cameroon or one of many other countries? Invite your friends to look at the World Team website for more information, or click on the World Team logo at the end of this letter. *Please pray with us, asking the Lord to touch the hearts of those whom He wants to see join us to share the message of Christ around the world with World Team.*

We will be spending June 27 to July 11 volunteering as Parks Canada campground hosts in Waterton Lakes National Park in the Alberta Rocky Mountains. We served in the same campground last year and had a great time as hosts and hiking in the park. As hosts we talk with people in every campsite every day, helping them understand how to stay safe in a campground frequented by bears and foxes and with a wolf pack nearby. *Ask the Lord to use us as we meet people from all around the world as we talk to the campers each day.*



Our view from the Belly River Campground

We continue to be involved in online meeting and studies with other World Team missionaries. In September and October Gary will be busy with World Team online courses for our missionaries. But, this summer we will have more camping time than in past years. We are partially retired.

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for the ministries in which we are involved. We truly appreciate your partnership in ministry with us.

In Jesus' love,

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