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“If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.”—Matthew 5: 41 NIV) Do you remember my sharing a picture of Valentina in the September 2010 letter? I have included her picture again. She continues to be such a blessing to me and such an asset to the office. She is our cleaner and goes about her work both diligently and quietly. She can be deep in thought, but when she sees me, her expression changes to a bright smile. She often goes the second mile for me. Recently, I have been rearranging one of the classrooms each day before my English lessons. After only a few days of this, she started rearranging the room before I even walked in. What a blessing! When I thanked her for it, she looked embarrassed and said, “Of course.” Her daughter recently broke her leg, so please pray for this family.



Another staff member who was recently hospitalized for medical tests returned home five days earlier than planned. He called that day to let me know that he would return to work the next day. I questioned him because he routinely overdoes it without complaining, but he assured me that he felt ok. The next day, the truth came out. He actually was better then, but the day he called, he was running a fever which had been a reaction to some new medicine. This man is a dear, sweet believer besides an employee. He also found out that my English class finishes at 7:45 p.m. and insists on driving me home every evening. One evening, his wife, who is also a dear person, was in the car. He told me the next morning that they parked the car in his garage, which is located a distance from his apartment, and then took a nice long walk together over the steppes. They are a sweet couple! He is one who often goes the second mile. Many times, the Lord reminds me that He has surrounded me with some very dear national staff and friends. That is good for me to remember when I am working with people in other organizations who are not as pleasant!

One prayer request that has been on my heart for a number of years is the next leader for The Small Business Training Center and for Private Enterprise Training Center. I will not be here forever, although I plan on being here many more years. But as I have taught a business English class this month, I have been reminded of the characteristics of a good leader and the differences between a leader and a manager. Also, I have once again started studying the book “Experiencing God”. Putting both of them together, the Lord has given me a little more insight into the type of person that I am trusting He will reveal. Please join me in praying for this need for either or both organizations. It is time for someone else to be the organizations director, and I am believing that this (these) person(s) will be a national(s), who will step in and take both organizations to the next level. I am ready to step aside and return to the classroom.

As we pray, the Lord says that we need to dream. My desire is that the next leader of either organization would be a strong believer, a strong and wise leader, a good manager, and have a heart for ministry within the context of the organization as well as without. I have always believed that God would provide His choice when His timing is right. So I ask you to join me in praying for His will, His choice and His timing.

Please pray for my visa which should be issued in-country (unusual with today's laws). Our office manager plans on dealing with this in early August. I was recently reminded how important prayer is because, even bathed in prayer, a team mate's visa was denied recently for "legal" reasons. The truth is that the legal issue was contrived.

And rejoice with us as my daughter Nellie has been approved to take the National test for counselors in August. She will have a date soon and is beginning to study for the test.

Also, to keep you updated on the building issues, we have almost completed the first of many steps toward enacting our head office's decision. We are all looking forward to the completion of the process! Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

We serve a Holy and All-powerful God. Thank you for going the extra mile with and for me through your prayers!

Letting Him carry the yoke,



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