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Dear Friends,

Happy Thanksgiving! We have so many things to be thankful for this year . . .

A life well lived: On September 23rd, **Pam's dad** finally got his reward for close to 60 years of ministry. After a long battle with Parkinson's, Pam's dad slipped into the presence of Jesus. Pam's mom is doing well; she was glad that Pam and Nate were able to stay for about three weeks when they came to the U.S. for the funeral.

The Center for Intercultural Training (CIT): We are confronted with a nice problem to have— **too many wanting to come**. We haven't had to turn people away yet, but it seems the day is coming. So this week we are sending a description of our needs to an architect to see whether he can pull off a feat of magic and to redesign our current space, or whether we need to build some new space to accommodate the higher enrollment.

The number of CIT **alumni** also continues to grow (**over 800** since Andy first started at CIT), providing both of us with many opportunities to mentor missionaries around the world.

Pam's dissertation: Pam presented her field research results at the doctoral colloquium in September and received some very positive feedback. She has an ambitious schedule for this year, but is already behind schedule due to taking time off for her dad's funeral. She is hoping to do some focused writing in the next few months and will know by early spring whether it is realistic to aim to be finished next September, or just to have a close-to-finished draft by then.

Areopagus: On November 10th Areopagus celebrated **20 years of ministry** with a festive dinner. To see so many gathered to celebrate something we have been involved in from the very first day was humbling. We had many reasons to be thankful--from renting a tiny apartment to having our own land and a good-sized building; educational and social activities that have met needs and demonstrated God's love and truth; a committed staff who work hard; and God's providence throughout these years.



Vox Domini: Our church continues to grow, with three sites meeting on two campuses. Earlier this month we celebrated together in one spot. It was so rewarding to see something that we have been involved in, almost from the beginning, grow to a vibrant church reaching out in the community.

Family: **Andy** hasn't had a serious heart episode since June and continues to enjoy his quirky ministry on Facebook. **Pam** is combining her other roles with some hospitality (17 guests coming for Thanksgiving!). **Alex**, amazingly, continues to survive on only a part-time job (apparently inherited his mother's frugality); he's still looking for something full time. **Nate** finished his associates degree and is wrapping up his first semester for his bachelor's in cyber security.

Finances: Thank you for your prayers and support. Many of you that has been 21+ years! Your partnership is a special joy to us. We ended 2016 in the black, and your generosity from last December has kept us in the black all year, even though our pledged monthly support is still not 100%. We thank you, and we thank God for you!

Thank you for praying for and with us!

Andy and Pam LaBreche