

NOTES FROM THE FOGLEMAN JOURNEY WITH JESUS ...

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“All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God’s grace in all its truth.”

Colossians 1:6b

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We greet you in the strong Name of Jesus! We pray that you had a blessed Christmas season, and that your New Year has gotten off to a Spirit-filled and peace-filled start.



Christmas & New Year’s with family – PRICELESS!



Almost as soon as the New Year’s festivities were over, we headed off to the TMS Global offices in the Atlanta area to do a bit of what we all should do at the turn of the year - take stock of the old and look ahead to the new. We had several days with TMS counselor Bev Richardson in debrief, during which we had the opportunity to assess the ups and downs of our lives and work over the past 7 years. **God’s faithfulness to us**

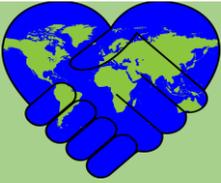
through it all was the main thing we saw during this “debrief”, and we cannot praise His Name enough for it! While there, we also had time with our TMS Global supervisors to review the 7-month sabbatical since Lynn returned from Uganda. We came away from the week with a clearer picture of our family needs, healthy physical and spiritual habits to continue, and a vision of God’s next plans for our service.

Following these discussions with our supervisors, we all agreed it is important for us to reside in the US for the next couple of years — until we can see how our family situation is stabilizing. We will continue to support Kurt and Annie as they move ahead with adoption of Zari (hopefully by spring), and be available for Joella, should she desire our help. But during this time, we will be able to travel to several areas of service for both TMS Global, and for our new partner, Global Refuge International (GRI)-- based here in the Denver area. We are now what TMS Global calls **“CoServe Medical Consultants”**.

We see this situation as an opportunity for God to use us with shorter, but more frequent, overseas opportunities each year, focusing on health and wellness (yes, this travel plan will require more funds than previously). So, your help is still needed!

We will begin by helping our TMS Global colleague, Dr. Cam Gongwer, develop a program called “Greenlight Medical”. This program will mentor medical students from different countries, as they explore what they are sensing as God’s call upon their lives to serve in long-term medical mission work. It is an opportunity for us to nurture and raise up some of the next generation of medical cross-cultural witnesses (CCWs) for Christ. We are excited to begin this work, which could touch many lives--even after we are long gone.

We will also be continuing our healthcare training, as our partnership gets underway with GRI. As we previously did in South Sudan and Uganda, we will be training healthcare workers among refugees as well as other at-risk communities (possibly using the techniques of CHE—Community Health Evangelism). The work with refugees will not only be among the South Sudanese with whom we had been working in South Sudan and northern Uganda, but it will also involve expansion into other areas of the globe where



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GRI is at work—the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and Myanmar (Burma). We hope to broaden and deepen the training that GRI is currently able to provide its health workers, like: more focus on disease-prevention, trauma awareness and healing (because so many of these workers care for refugees who have experienced severe trauma in their lives), and improved care of mothers and newborn babies.

Sharon and I are very pleased to have been invited to serve on GRI's Board. We are eager to partner with this Christian organization, as we share similar philosophies regarding refugee care. So many of the world's refugee camps just provide a meager existence for the refugees, and then, they end up staying in those camps long periods -- sometimes for generations. But we believe, along with GRI, that our goal of providing health care during this time of crisis can, and should, ultimately help them thrive in life – not just survive. It can be a time of transformation as they learn self-care and self-sufficiency, important skills while living in the camps **and** for when they ultimately get to return to their home country. And, in hearing the gospel of Jesus, their hearts can experience the greatest change, transforming their lives, now and eternally.

UPCOMING TRAVELS:

Our initial travels are coming up rapidly as I write these words. By the 1st of February, we will be in Ghana (West Africa) with Dr. Gongwer and the Greenlight Medical experience for medical students. We will spend 3 ½ weeks mentoring them at the Methodist Hospital in Ghana.

From there, we will travel on to northern Uganda, where we will meet the GRI health workers in the refugee camps in which they serve. We have been asked to evaluate the current medical care provided at the 2 clinics as well as the community outreach by the GRI health workers. We will have the opportunity to observe training of additional health workers and provide feedback for the GRI staff and Board.

Thankfully we will also reconnect with many friends from South Sudan. It will be such a joy to renew our fellowship with them and encourage these followers of Jesus. We will also connect with young students of medicine (nurses and clinical officers) in Uganda who

are sponsored by some of our supporters. Our return flight is scheduled for mid-March. Prayers appreciated!

Dear friends, this is a major change from our original vision of teaching health care while residing in one specific area of South Sudan. But, at this point in our lives, we accept this broader scope of mission service with joy! God's ways are higher than our ways, and we have learned that HE IS FAITHFUL! We want you to know that we are not residing in Africa, as before, and we completely understand if this affects your decision as to whether to continue to support this ministry. But we want to take this opportunity to invite you to continue with us in this wider mission to which the Lord has led us.

We sincerely thank you for your prayers and faithful love and support through TMS Global. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us by e-mail or calling! God bless you all in 2019!

In Christ's service,

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