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***“But whoever has this world’s goods and sees his brother in need,
and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?”
~ 1 John 3:17 ~***

This verse has been a gentle reminder to me lately that we never truly retire from serving the Lord or caring for His children. Seasons of life may change, but our calling to love and serve remains.

Though Deb and I have been back in North America for four years since our time in Haiti, God has shown us that our work is not finished. This summer, He gave us the privilege of once again reaching out to some of the people in Haiti, though from a distance. What joy it brought to step back into that place of giving and serving in Jesus’ name! We were reminded once more that fullness of life is found in pouring ourselves out for others.

The truth is, all of us have been entrusted with “this world’s goods.” Compared to many of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, we live in great abundance. And with that blessing comes responsibility—a holy calling to share, to care, and to love.

My encouragement to you is this: ask the Lord today how He would have you use what He has given you. It doesn’t always mean crossing an ocean or stepping into a new country; sometimes it simply means opening your heart to the needs right in front of you. Wherever we are, God desires to use us as vessels of His love, advancing His kingdom one act of faithfulness at a time.



Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35

Scot, Selena & Olie Brown

Serving the Lord in Hungary



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My friend Randall, who arranged our meeting, told me how afraid he was to be forced to return and face all that again. I wish I could say this isn't common, but our whole world is becoming more and more challenged by displaced and endangered people.

Before we began discussing his story, I asked him if he would mind me praying a Christian prayer asking God for Wisdom, Favor, and Peace, along with true Joy to return to his life. He said, "Who wouldn't want that? Yes, thank you."

All I know is that God and His word are the authority that we have in Christ, and wherever a Christian goes, the Kingdom of God has arrived. As we abide in Him and trust in His faithfulness, mountains move. The prayer created a difference in the atmosphere, but no facts had changed.

My friend started sharing the very hard things that are the reality he lives every day. After five or so minutes, his phone rang, and we encouraged him to take it if he needed to.

It was his immigration attorney. He told him that the Hungarian government had not approved any visas for non-full-time university students in over a year. He has hundreds of clients in his situation - but having said that, He had just received an electronic notification that his Visa was approved!

My friend kept saying, The prayer! The prayer! We were at Scruton restaurant, and we became a little loud and excited! Once again, we prayed and gave God the thanksgiving and praise for the deliverance from real danger. I love this part...over the next five minutes, his countenance was completely changed, ten years younger eyes alive, and the Joy was all over us all.



I've seen this kind of answered prayer time after time, especially when there is a desperate situation. We will continue to get together with our friend, and soon, very naturally, he will fully enter the Kingdom of God.

It didn't occur to me at the time, that was the culminating event of an incredibly effective first week back on station at our other home in Budapest.

We send our love and blessings to our friends and ask you to pray for Operation Joseph.

Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



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Daniel & Betty

Serving the Lord in India



Prayer Request for Missionary Betty Edwin

We ask you to join us in lifting up our dear missionary in India, Betty Edwin, in prayer. Betty recently underwent cataract surgery, and while the procedure went well, she now needs our prayers for a smooth and complete recovery.

Please pray that God would grant her renewed vision, comfort, and strength during this time. Pray also for her continued ability to serve faithfully in her ministry, despite this temporary setback. Betty has dedicated her life to sharing God's love and ministering to those in need, and your prayers are a powerful support for her as she recovers and continues her work.

Let us give thanks for the skill of the medical team and for the healing already begun, and ask the Lord to continue to watch over her in the days ahead.

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Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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It is a quiet, pleasant, sunny Saturday afternoon here in our little corner of Harare, Zimbabwe - very conducive to reflecting and attempting to continue where we left off in our last update on this platform.

In our last update, we were hoping to resume our journey to the Caribbean from Texas via New York, already delayed by some two months. Subsequently, Dhan had good reports from the doctors, and we were free to travel. We headed to the Caribbean after a few days with some very precious family friends in New York. There, we were able to rest up a little, repack, and get ready for our onward journey.



Sharing at our Church home



Sharing over dinner with friends

Since our time in the Caribbean had been shortened by our extended stay in the US because of Dhan's illness, we were forced to drastically cut down on our schedule.

GRENADA:



We thank God for the quality time with family, a handful of close friends, fellowship with a few congregations, and visits, though too short, with many who have been journeying with us since our call to full-time service.

It was a joy to celebrate our 52nd Wedding Anniversary with Dhan's brother and his family in a quiet setting at a local restaurant, in early August. We also squeezed in two visits to the beach with friends. Absolutely beautiful, especially during the early hours of the day.

Our short visit to Grenada quickly came to an end, and we headed for Dolly's home island of Dominica (NOT the Dominican Republic!).

DOMINICA:



Driving from the airport through the mountains to the city



My younger sister joined us from the Island of Martinique



Mom and my brother Caxton

Called the "Nature Island", she is lush green, rugged, mountainous, volcanic, unapologetically untamable, beautiful – a nature lover's paradise. Many Dominicans leave the Island for greener pastures, but they remain deeply patriotic.

It is always a joy for us to visit, spend quality time with our daughter and her family, as well as extended family and friends.

PURPOSE OF OUR TRIP:

You are probably wondering about the purpose of our mostly bi-annual trips. It is to reconnect with supporters, supporting churches, family, and friends. Our thanks to all who welcomed us into your assemblies and allowed us the opportunity to share. Thank you also for extending hospitality to us, for praying with and for us, providing transportation, and much more during this trip. On two occasions, we were allowed to use your homes during your absence. How blessed are we!

OUR TAKEAWAYS:

Many of you have shared privately your concern about the state of the Church in your areas and your desire to see the Church grow in authenticity. We want to assure you that this is a genuine concern, one that requires much prayer. May we all who are so burdened, pray that, firstly, Christ would have His rightful place in the hearts of all who go by His Name; and secondly, that the world around us may see and desire Him who is our Life,

OUR RETURN TO ZIMBABWE:

We returned to Zimbabwe on 25th August, several hours later than scheduled, tired but happy to be back. We desired to rest off our jetlag and slowly get back into the schedule for the rest of that week. However, the Lord had other plans.

Dolly's only brother passed in South Africa three days after our return, and so we spent the next one and a half weeks trying to get our updated Temporary Residence Permit stamped into our passports by the Immigration Department here. Once this was done and our passports were returned, she was then able to apply for a South African visa. The Lord used a young lady to push things through, so Dolly was able to get her visa the afternoon before she was due to travel to SA for the funeral. Knowing how long things normally take, this was indeed the hand of God at work.

Now back from South Africa, we are slowly getting back into a work schedule with some rest in between.

PRAY WITH US:

Please pray with us as we re-establish contacts, prepare for upcoming pulpit ministry appointments, and search for a new venue for our October retreat with the Pastors & Leaders with whom we have been working.

Faith Foundations International *with Ray B. Nelson*

Serving the Lord in India



Sharath, his wife Lucy, and I began our journey in Manchester, UK. After a few days, we traveled by train to Oxford, and then on to London. After 13 days in the UK, we embarked on a long 20-hour flight to Brisbane, Australia. A few days later, we arrived in Sydney, where Lucy's mother lives.

Although I didn't have the opportunity to preach in any of the towns we visited in the UK, I experienced the joy of assisting Sharath in praying for several people. Here in Sydney, we've attended a couple of Sunday services, where the regular preachers led the messages.

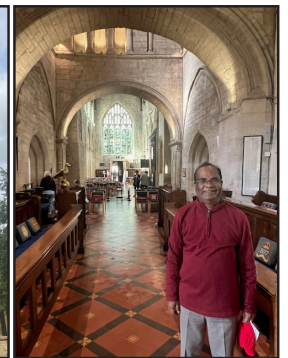
Even without being in the pulpit, I've felt God's hand guiding me to touch lives—one person at a time. It's a beautiful reminder that serving Him isn't always about grand stages or large crowds; it's about obedience, presence, and prayer. I am deeply grateful for this trip and for every opportunity God gives me to be used for His work.



Sharath preaching in London



An 800 year old church in Oxford



Lucy preaching in London



Austin & Kaelee Truelove

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Your prayers for Austin's trip to Pecry were heard! Austin went and returned from our home in Haiti in mid-July. God protected him in all his travels. We had asked for prayer for him as he dealt with some problems among our ministry/home building team. God provided a peaceful return to "normal" with that situation. Austin had wanted to be there for the building of Etidieu's home; however, due to problems getting materials, he was not able to participate in that project. The home was built several weeks after his return. It took the team less than two weeks! Praise God! Our last several homes took about \$10,000. to build. If you desire to build a home for a struggling family, please contact us about how you can arrange that.

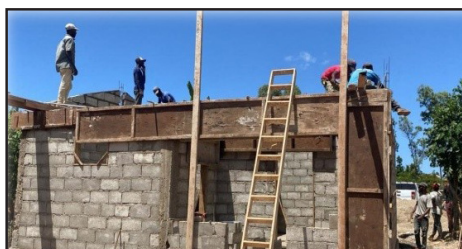
Since the home project was delayed, Austin spent his time working on vehicles, meeting with friends and neighbors (over 30 people), and doing a serious cleaning of our home. He once again helped our missionary friends who remain faithful, working there.

We are in communication with a family about renting our home in Haiti. Although we have caretakers, it is not the same as having someone living there. As we strive to align our goals and plans with God's will, please pray that we would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading.

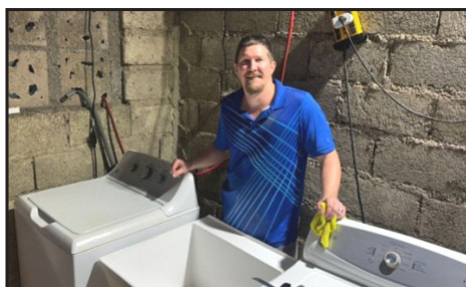
On a personal note, we are living in Taneyville, Missouri, in my late-grandmother's home. God has graciously planted us in the surrounding community and given us good work to do. Austin works at my parents' business in accounting and management. Our older children go to a private school in Taneyville, which is made feasible by my teaching three classes there. Through these environments, God has given us continual opportunities to spread the Gospel and share His love. We are attending First Baptist Church in Forsyth and are happily serving there. We are growing in our love for Christ and love for his people. God's plans look so different from ours. All the suffering and loss that we have been through in the past several years have not been wasted. We are grateful for the trials that are refining us. We do not know what the future holds: whether we return to Haiti full-time or continue to take trips. But we strive to make the most of every opportunity presented to us, while we actively wait upon the Lord!



***Etidieu's Make-Shift Shelter
while we built his home***



***Etidieu's Walls are up;
Next comes the roof***



***Austin installed an in-line
pump for our friends***



***Etidieus' family
in their new home***

Rod & Debbie Wray

Serving the Lord in Ocala, Florida



A few months ago, amid the continued difficulties of living in Haiti, we learned that our faithful helpers from the Renault Sunday school were suffering. Sergo, with his large family, was living under tarps, and Joseph and his family had no place to live. After much prayer, we decided to re-purpose the Sunday school building in Renault into a small housing unit for our ministry helpers.

Thanks to funds being sent by our faithful supporters and the hard work of a Haitian crew, the Sunday school building has now been transformed into 5 Haitian homes. Sergo, Joseph, Berlyn, and Stanley (left to right) each have a home now, and although the doors and windows aren't installed yet, Sergo and his family have already moved into their new home.



We are doing very well and had a great summer back home in Canada with family and our 12 grandchildren. The ministry of Harvest continues to go well. We've been taking training to learn how to use QuickBooks. We've also been working at a local food bank that Danny Thomas connected us with, and we recently made another trip to Venice FL, to visit Agape Flights and drop off money for our missionaries in Haiti.



We would especially appreciate your prayers as we seek the Lord's will regarding restarting the Sunday school program in Haiti. Our young helpers, Joseph, Berlyn, and Stanley, are now about 25 years old, and they feel that God might be leading them to start up the Renault Sunday school ministry with us supporting them from the U.S. Please pray that God would guide and use us and these young men for His glory and according to His will and purpose.

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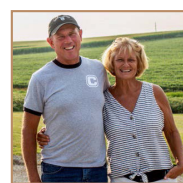
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