



Dear Friends and Family,

That day in the season that we call Thanksgiving is now over, but the time for Thanksgiving is never over! Thanksgiving is something that should be ongoing, not only year after year, but day after day.

Vicki and I give thanks to God for you. God has been so good to us in providing us with friends all around the world, and has also given us some of the best supporting churches and individuals that a missionary can have.

Besides that, the Lord has given us many new friends in our international ministries as well. We are seeing God do some marvelous and miraculous things in the ministries that we have been involved in throughout our 38 years of missionary service. Truly, we are blessed.

God tremendously blessed our ministries in the Ivory Coast and in Liberia in July and August. Twenty-one people made professions of faith, and much progress was made in the deaf ministries in these 2 countries.

After arriving home from Africa, we hosted a Deliberate Discipleship Retreat for one week. Several attendees were men in full-time service. Following the retreat, we received letters and notes of how God has changed their lives and ministries already, as we dealt with their personal spiritual lives and walk with God.

Jon Barr, SWM president, and I filmed several more lessons of Creation to Christ for Minimal Language Deaf around the world. These lessons, 40 so far, are already being used on at least 3 continents. All 40 lessons have already been shown to deaf people in Cambodia, and God's blessing their deaf ministries there.

Vicki and I traveled to several churches in the last 2 months. We spent a week with 3 of our missionary appointees representing SWMI at Ambassador Baptist College. What a joy to to impact others for missions.

Grace Baptist Church in West Columbia, South Carolina honored us for our 40+ years of Deaf Ministry during their annual missions conference. Our picture now hangs on the wall in their HALL OF FAITH of missions, and a new Bible was presented to me. We are grateful for the years God has given us to serve Him around the world!

Vicki and I also took a two-week vacation to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary, and for rest. We visited the Creation Museum, the Ark Encounter, and other attractions, visited the church where my father was pastoring when I trusted Christ at the age of 6, visited a church that my grandfather pastored back in the 60s, besides meeting with old-time friends along the way. Truly, we are blessed to serve God together these 40 years.

Prayer Requests: (1) More filming of the lessons for the series "Creation to Christ for Minimal Language Deaf." (2) Two Deliberate Discipleship Retreats in December. We host these weeklong retreats and do the teaching. (3) Survey trips to Liberia and to Burkina Faso in January. (4) Trip to India in February. (5) Raising funds to ship a container to Liberia and to build a school/dormitory for the deaf there. (6) Wisdom in planning a team missions trip to Africa this summer. (7) Day-to-day administrative duties and financial responsibilities with SWMI.

Our Lord merits our thanksgiving... and so do you. Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for us and supporting us as a family to serve you worldwide. The deaf, and others reached, all thank you for your vital part in their lives!

May Jesus Christ be lifted high... and His Name spread abroad!

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Psalm 2:8

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