

Partners in Prayer

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Dear Friends,

Most of us live our lives taking for granted that all will continue as it always has done. We don't expect large changes to come our way. In the United States a very large political change has just taken place disrupting the status quo. Where we live this winter has been so abnormal even long time residents can't remember anything like it. We have had snow on the ground since the beginning of December. A storm at the beginning of February gave us 80 cm of snow (two and a half feet) in two days. The next storm came through four days later and deposited a thick layer of ice over everything causing trees to crash down all around us. We get used to our own version of normal and when things change it is often hard to adapt. We are adapting to living in a snowy city which at times looks more like Banff than Chilliwack. But we really are getting tired of the snow. I can hardly believe it, but we want our nice, warm rain back again.



Sandra shovelling after our last snow storm



Our Americas Area Meeting

We had a respite from the wintery weather when we travelled to Orlando in January for our annual World Team Americas team leaders meeting. This year was a very different meeting because the first three days were mainly a marriage conference for our leaders and their wives. It was an extremely good marriage conference, led by one of our WT counselling couples. Couples at the conference had hours of one on one time during the three days to talk through important areas of their marriage. The final two days of meetings we concentrated on ministry and looked at how we are trying to involve Latin Americans in serving with us as missionaries. Praise God that many missionaries from Latin American countries are serving around the world. *Pray for Chuck and Marco, our key people working very hard at developing partnerships between World Team and missions from South and Central American countries.*

Much of Sandra's time is spent with people. She is out during the day. Much of Gary's time is spent in the office, helping oversee World Team ministry in South America and the Caribbean. Administration may sound boring, but it is anything but boring. There are new places for which we are trying to find missionaries. Gary and the leadership team are actively promoting these new ministry areas and making plans to begin ministry. We just need missionaries.

One spot where we are just beginning is Manaus, Brazil. Workers are needed to reach native peoples who are living in shantytowns in this huge metropolis on the Amazon River. The first World Team couple are now in Manaus, but they need team mates. Do you know anyone who might be interested in serving the Lord in Manaus?

Another place where we need missionaries is the island of Trinidad in the Caribbean. A quarter of the population is made up of religious minorities who are largely unreached with the message of Jesus. One couple is scheduled to arrive in Trinidad this spring. They, too, need teammates. The great thing about Trinidad is that the language is English so missionaries can begin ministry without having to learn another language. The people in Trinidad speak an English all of their own, but easily understand our English. Know anyone who might help? How about retirees?

While many people want to go on one or two week mission trips, the huge need is for people who will give years to minister. To be effective you need to learn the language and the culture of the people to whom you will minister. That takes time. Years in fact. *Please pray with us that people will respond to the Lord's call to train and become missionaries in Trinidad, Manaus and around the world. The fields truly are ripe, ready for harvest.*

Right now Gary is again serving as a facilitator in one of World Team's online training modules. It adds to his full days but is vital to helping missionaries continue to learn and grow. We believe in life long learning, always growing so that we can better serve the Lord. *Please ask the Lord to use Gary as he facilitates the module "Church: Nurturing Communities of Faith."*

Out with friends? Sandra a lot of the time, Gary as much as he can. Ministry takes place with people. We have opportunities all the time to share our faith with people who don't know Jesus and we are also able to help Christians grow in their faith. We just have to make sure we are out with people.. *Ask the Lord to keep pushing out to be with others and to use us to minister to the people He brings into our lives.*

Our financial support level is still at a very low level, but has risen a bit during the past two months. Thank you for praying about this. *Please continue to ask the Lord to touch the hearts of the people and churches He knows would be able to help with our monthly financial support.*

Christy and Christian are hoping to buy a townhouse. They have been looking at one about ten minutes from where we live. This winter as cold weather arrived David and Katrina found that the electric heat didn't work on the first floor of their home. They installed a fireplace insert and are staying warm and cozy with a wood fire. And of course Alex, their first child and our first grandchild is growing, now almost 8 months old. Gary's mom, Jessie? Healthy and doing well in Chilliwack.

Thank you for your prayers for the ministries to which the Lord has called us. Thank you for being a part of our team.



Christy and Christian

In Jesus' love,
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Alex, Katrina and David

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