

NOTES FROM THE FOGLEMAN JOURNEY WITH JESUS...



Dear Friends and Family,

After so much time not traveling due to COVID, we have entered a season of "extra

travel" this year. We have not intentionally been trying to "make up for lost time" but many opportunities for travel were presented to us at close intervals—and we were ready to take them up. Several of them were for personal ministry events, while others were assigned to represent TMS Global. And some were for family. But we are grateful to have the health and the opportunity to serve the Lord in many different ways and places this year.

In our August newsletter, we reported on our June/July trip to Kenya and Uganda where we facilitated the training of many on the method of Trauma Healing. We continue to pray for those trainees as they now apply what they have learned.

After returning to the US in late July, some devastating weather events occurred in our country. Flash flooding of a severe nature took place in Breathitt and Floyd Counties of southeastern Kentucky, near Red Bird Mission



where Sharon and I spent 14 years in service at the mission clinic. Thankfully the Mission was not affected by the flooding. However, I felt led to volunteer with

Samaritan's Purse for several days in mid-August. It was a different kind of service for me. My medical skills were not needed. But doing the work of "mudding out" affected homes allowed me to serve for this season. I learned a great deal about pulling up floors and cutting out molded dry wall. But I learned much more about the destructive power of water, about loss of dear family homeplaces, and even the heartbreak of some people losing loved ones after being "swept away" by the floodwaters. I also witnessed great resilience in the people of the

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens"—
Ecclesiastes 3:1

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mountains. And I saw great faith in God—who upholds them in the midst of great suffering. One tends to learn much in such seasons of life.

A few days after returning from Kentucky Sharon and I took a brief personal trip out to Broomfield, CO where our oldest son, Kurt, and his wife, Annie, live with 3 of our grandchildren. We went to celebrate the 5th birthday of our grandson, Nicolas. It was a joyful occasion that Nico did not want to end! What a privilege to see these milestones marking the different seasons in the lives of our grandchildren.



Days after getting back home we flew to Orlando, FL. TMS Global had requested that we represent it at the Christian Medical and Dental Association/MedSend annual Medical Missions Leadership Summit. It was good to hear of the work of many medical missions agencies and to participate in discussions about ways they may need to adapt in a rapidly changing world.

After some very quick visits to friends and family in Florida over the Labor Day weekend, we returned to Iowa, and hosted special British friends who were our neighbors when we worked at Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya 35 years ago. They were present when Sharon received the Distinguished Alumna Award for Service from the University of Iowa College of Medicine. What a joy to share enduring friendship.

As I (Lynn) have been Regional Consultant (RC) over the Africa Region during this year, and Sharon has been covering as RC for North America this year (due to a Sabbatical of one of our colleagues), we were asked to attend a leadership training of all the TMS Global RCs in Antequera, Spain in mid-September. This was a very informative training on the "Lead, Develop, and Care" approach to developing people as leaders.

From Antequera, I was able to join 11 other TMS Global men on an 8 day (100 mile) walk in northern Spain on the initial part of the Camino de

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Camino, Sharon took some personal vacation to Albania where she spent a week with our second son, Mark, his wife, Kenzi, and 3 grandchildren. She really enjoyed getting to see their home, their new place of service, and spending time with them—especially 2-year-old

Matthew, who now recognizes her as “Grandma!”

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friends and co-workers. We saw many new, positive changes which have taken place in the Red Bird Christian School—from which all of our children graduated.

From Red Bird we travelled to North Carolina to speak at supporting churches in Burlington and Fayetteville, as well as seeing members of my family. It was a special blessing to celebrate my 67th birthday with my sister, her husband, and my brother.

In mid-November one or both of us will be representing TMS Global at the Global Medical Health Conference in Louisville, KY—seeking to recruit students who have an interest in long-term medical missions. Then Sharon and I will go to the TMS Global Gathering in Turkey in early December of this year. (This is the Gathering of worldwide TMS missionaries that was originally scheduled for early January of this year—but had to be postponed

Santiago—a “traveling” spiritual retreat—if you will. It was a very challenging, beautiful, and reflective time for all of us.

While I was on the



(We had served in its clinic from 1997-2011). It was so good to celebrate 100 plus 1 years of mission outreach by this United Methodist institution and to reconnect with so many

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due to COVID.) This meeting is meant to gather us together for fellowship, encouragement, further training, and realigning ourselves to our mission. As RCs we will be listening to and guiding those missionaries of our regions during planning sessions. It will be good to be together again in-person. Please pray with us that COVID will not interfere with the Gathering this time.

It has been an unusual season for us with a lot of travel and interactions. We are grateful for it, as the Lord has revealed Himself in many different ways—through many different people—in many different places. But we are looking forward to the time needed to process all that we have experienced.

As you continue your lives in this beautiful time of autumn, may you find it to be a season of gratitude—for what God has done and for what God will do in the future through you.

We are grateful for you and for your faithful support and partnership in God’s mission in our world!

In Christ’s love and service,

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