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“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We greet you all in the strong name of Jesus, the Christ. And we pray that you are well and holding fast to His peace—even as He holds you firmly in His grip. As I (Lynn) write this newsletter from a sub-Saharan West African country mission hospital where I am filling in as a physician, I am reminded of just how great, powerful, and faithful our God is—not only over the many miles, but over the years of our lives, and over the eons of time since creation.

In our last newsletter in April, we mentioned preparation for the Greenlight Program. TMS Global’s Greenlight program is one that helps young followers of Jesus discern God’s call upon their lives for long-term mission service. Sharon and I have been involved in Greenlight Medical for health care students for several years. This year’s Greenlight Medical program was different from our previous ones in Ghana (with senior medical students) in several ways. Our students, Maggie and Chloe (first year nursing students), and Luke (a pre-medical student), were much younger. We were privileged to mentor them as they experienced health care in Maua Methodist Hospital (MMH) in Kenya. (Of course, Sharon and I were very familiar with this hospital where we served for 10 years in our younger days.)

In addition to having shared 8 Zoom meetings with these students over the spring, we began our journey toward Kenya in late May by attending a TMS Global orientation with them in Norcross, GA. From there, we all flew from Atlanta to Newark. But, as missionaries know, flexibility is a requirement, and we met our first “snag” even before leaving the US. At the Newark gate, we were told that the passport number on the Kenyan visa

for one of our students did not match their passport precisely. Thus, we prayed for God’s plan to be fulfilled, as Sharon stayed behind with the student to apply for a new visa, and I went on to Kenya with the other two students. Thanks be to God and help from friends of TMS colleagues, the miracle of a new visa appeared on the Sunday of Memorial weekend! Thus, Sharon and Maggie joined us in Nairobi, and they ended up losing only one precious “Kenya day.”

As we started our 3-week stay in Maua, our students spent their mornings on the different hospital wards or clinics, nursing school classrooms, or operating rooms—observing all that they could with the many Kenyan and international doctors and nurses. The MMH staff had prepared this segment well. But in the afternoons, we had times of learning about the culture and spiritual worldview of the Meru people who the hospital serves. And most importantly, we spent time with the students in spiritual formation, centering prayer, Discovery Bible Study, and regular evening debriefs—during which we talked about what they were observing, thinking, and feeling. We continued to pray regularly for their hearts to hear God’s message for them.

I believe God’s message came through very clearly as their hearts were drawn so quickly, so deeply, and so passionately into conversations and friendships with nursing students, clinical officer interns, hospital staff, and Maua townspeople—even through “pick-up volleyball games” and other activities. Their hearts particularly went out to the “street boys” of the town. These boys were “the homeless” of Maua—often rejected, often addicted to sniffing glue. Our students got to explore not only the many programs with which people are seeking to reach and help these boys, but also finding ways to personally be the hands and feet of Jesus. And, despite the big generational gap that we had with our Greenlight students, we quickly learned a great deal from each





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other. During our final debrief at Ol-Pejeta Conservancy (where they got to see some wildlife), it was clear from what they shared that God had deeply touched their hearts through this experience. As they return to their universities for this fall semester, we will continue to meet with them online as they contemplate the next steps on their personal journey with God. Sharon and I are greatly encouraged about the younger generation after experiencing the work that God is doing in and through these three young people.

It was a busy time for us in Maua because we also trained 25 of the MMH staff in Trauma Healing.



It was very well-received, and many gave testimonies of the Lord's

healing in the broken areas of their lives. We hope to do some follow-up at MMH in the future.

After returning from Kenya, we were ready for a break. Our extended family ALL got together for a week of beach vacation at N. Myrtle Beach, SC. It was a wonderful relaxing time with our 3 grown children and our 7 grandchildren. From there, Sharon and I went to visit my family in North Carolina, as well as friends in the area. And on the drive back to Iowa, we stopped in to one of our supporting churches in Alcoa, TN to share about our ministry and receive encouragement on our journey.

Once back home, we were quick to prepare to host our sons, Kurt and Mark, Mark's wife Kenzi, and 5 of 7 grandchildren. The 3 adults of this group came to Iowa to participate in the 50th Annual RAGBRAI (Bike Ride Across Iowa)—which they found to be an amazing physical and mental challenge during an extremely hot week! But thanks be to God, they completed the ride safely. While they were doing that, Sharon helped to entertain our 5 older grandkids at our home. She was tired but loved having the kids around and sharing this special time with them.

And me..., well, I went on an experience that TMS Global had allowed me to set up many months ago - to assist medically in this mission hospital from which I write. I am being vague about it for security reasons, but it has been an honor and privilege to serve in Jesus' name at this longstanding hospital south of the Sahara. The experience thus far has been challenging with excessive heat, French-speaking Africa, and readjusting again to the rigors and intricacies of mission clinical medicine. But God has aided me in so many ways. The people who serve here year after year inspire me with their daily reliance on Jesus in this harsh environment—serving a people of another faith who live out a very challenging life here. The patients often arrive very sick, and some have not survived. Thankfully, most people go home feeling better or healed and have heard the gospel of salvation in Christ through various people in different ways. My faith was stretched and built up by worshipping and serving alongside these followers of Jesus – even as a national crisis unfolded days after my arrival. ***Please be in prayer for the nation, for the people, and for the hospital that serves them in the Name of the Great Physician. Thank you for your partnership!

May God continue to bless you as you serve where YOU are!

In Christ,

Lynn and Sharon Fogleman

***Addendum: Before this newsletter was sent, I (Lynn) had to be evacuated from the country in which I was serving. Several events in the capital caused those overseeing my experience there to conclude that the country's borders would be closing imminently—for, perhaps, a very long time. So, despite my reluctance to leave early, I did so via land transport to another country and its airport. I am now back home in Iowa but praying for this country and its people.

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