

NOTES FROM THE FOGLEMAN JOURNEY WITH JESUS...

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"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."—Hebrews 10:24,25

Dear Friends in Christ,

We pray that this newsletter finds you all well, and possibly getting to physically meet and interact with other people more than you were at this time a year ago. COVID has certainly kept us from meeting together in person for so many activities. And, despite the amazing technology that has kept us somewhat "connected" during this time, there is still something about meeting in person that we, as humans, need—that cannot be transferred over the internet or by phone.

We are grateful that we have recently been able to meet with others in various places over the last few weeks **"to provoke"** - and **to be provoked "to love and good deeds"**. And we pray that the pandemic will, indeed, settle down to allow more of us to gather together for fellowship in our different locations.

In the last three Sundays prior to the writing of this newsletter, Sharon and I had the privilege of being in some of our supporting churches in Virginia and North Carolina, some of which we had not been able to visit since 2013 and 2016. It did our hearts good to reconnect with faithful people who have supported us over MANY years of service in various places. Seeing their eyes (if not their smiles behind their masks) and hearing their voices reminded us of just how important these partnerships with churches and individuals is to our work. **We truly could not do this work for the Kingdom without the prayers, encouragement, and gifts that they--and you--provide for us.** We are, indeed, in partnership with you for the Kingdom—dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit to do this work, but also dependent on one another—for the support that makes it possible. **Thank you once again for being our partners!**



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While we were in NC, I (Lynn) had the privilege of attending a one-week orientation and training of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) members of Samaritan's Purse in North Wilkesboro, NC. I am on their list of health and support personnel who may be asked to travel to natural and manmade disasters that may occur in any part of the world. If Samaritan's Purse is invited to be a part of the relief effort, we DART personnel may be called to check on our availability to go to serve for a few weeks. This training was very detailed and very good preparation for the many different aspects of disaster relief that are needed. I met some very committed followers of Jesus during the training. I was greatly encouraged by being in their midst, hearing their stories and their hearts, and learning together how we may serve hurting people together during times of disaster.

During our 3 weeks of travel out east, we also got to visit my dear family in NC and had the bitter-sweet privilege to be alongside some of my cousins as they gathered around the bedside of their beloved 93-year-old mother—my last surviving aunt—preparing for her to move into the eternal arms of Jesus—which she did just a few days later. Later, Sharon and I also got to meet up with people with whom we had served in Kenya and in Red Bird Mission in SE Kentucky, and one whom we had visited in Tanzania in a time of great trial. With all of these meetings —friends, family, coworkers, and churches—we realized how much we have been connected over many years. And we realized that we are still connecting and re-connecting with followers of Jesus—being encouraged and enabled

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to live and love like Jesus. God designed us to do this together, and we are blessed to share in the service.



All of this connecting—the visiting, support-raising, sharing, reminiscing, training—is preparing us for more service. We have been encouraged, empowered, and enlightened to take the next steps forward. I am being invited by TMS Global to be involved in a position to be the Regional Consultant - a general encourager - for our African missionaries. Sharon and I are also being encouraged to lead more students in health fields in mentoring experiences next year.

But we are glad to report that we do not need to wait to continue our ministry. Next week we are headed back to Kenya to assist in more Trauma Healing training sessions for Kenyan pastors and lay-workers of God's Grace For All Nations (GGFAN)—a Kenyan Christian outreach to unreached people groups and to Kenyan orphans. We helped to fund a Children's Trauma Healing training for orphaned children and the GGFAN staff who oversee their care. We are eager to get back to our Kenyan brothers and sisters in Christ to labor alongside them in the Lord's vineyard—connecting once again to advance the Kingdom—provoking to love, as we have been provoked by God's love in Christ—through the hearts of people like you. **Thank you once again for all of your prayers, encouragement, and support.**

May God bless you as **you also** continue in Christ's service!

In Christ's love and service,

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