

Dear Praying Friends,

August 2024

It is hard to believe that our ONE Global Gathering in Thailand has come and gone, and that we have been back in Illinois for two months. Much has happened! But let me go back and explain...

It was wonderful to be together as T-org workers from all over the world, seeing old friends, making new friends, but especially to cross paths with many co-workers from Africa who were also in attendance. It was a great blessing to be able to spend some focused personal time with 21 of our Africa workers during those 5 days. There was also sadness as we said 'good-bye' to Liz, our Senior Director for Africa. She has been an integral part of our Africa T-org family for over 7 years and has been such a



blessing to each of us, personally! Her mother is ill and needs her daughter for this time. Our global leadership team also went through change as Dave Hall handed over the role of international director for our organisation to Justin Burkholder. While there was joy and sorrow during that week, it is good to know that our Father is sovereign, kind, always present and can be trusted to continue leading us forward even as He has faithfully led T-org over it's 134 years of worldwide service for the King.

I, Anne, left Thailand for 3 wonderful weeks in Australia with my four sisters. My heart needed to be home, to be with my sisters, to drink in the beauty of the Australian countryside, coastline, flora, fauna and birdlife. Four of us were able to get away to Kangaroo Island for three days of birding and sightseeing! The second day was threatened by rain but instead gave us rainbows from morning till evening as we searched for rare and beautiful birds - a vivid reminder that our God is one who keeps His promises to us!

Rich returned home to the USA just after his mother was released from a 3 day hospital stay. We are very grateful for family who were looking out for Rich's Mom and Uncle George during our time away. Since then Mom has been in and out of hospital 3 more times with pneumonia and severe anemia, resulting in 9 blood transfusions ... so far. After many tests, including a bone marrow biopsy, on Friday her hematologist was able to determine the probable cause for her anemia and begin a treatment that we hope will turn this around. In the last few weeks, Uncle George's health has also been a concern with increased weakness and instability. On Friday his hematologist also set a course of treatment to hopefully improve his anemia. We appreciate your prayers as we seek answers to their health issues, and as we navigate this new chapter as care-givers.

Looking to the future and the member care ministry ... By year's end our Zimbabwe/Mozambique team will have dwindled to four units (7 workers); our South Africa/Eswatini team has a few more workers than that but will also have lost 4 units (5 workers) by year's end. As a result of reduced numbers these two ministry areas will be meeting together in South Africa for a combined annual conference in January 2025. Rich plans to attend this conference. The attrition has been due mostly to retirements as well as some changes in ministry focus or family situations.

Our Chad family, too, has seen many come and go over the years. It's a blessing to see new team members arrive and others returning after refreshing home assignments. Nevertheless, the missionary's heart is always torn, no matter what side of the ocean you are on! Again Rich is planning on being in Chad for their annual conference the first week of December. Please pray for us as we seek to walk with these faithful servants on the front lines, that we might have God's wisdom and heart in all we say and do. Some have family members who are struggling deeply and need to hear from our Father, to feel the touch of His hand in their hearts and lives.

As in many places around the world, Chad is experiencing country-wide flooding once again. A recent report shows 145 lives lost, almost 1 million people affected, over 70,000 homes destroyed, about 30,000 cattle drowned and 252,000 hectares of crops ruined. Combine that with the fighting in Sudan resulting in refugees still flooding over the border into a land already taxed beyond limit in its resources for both residents and refugees. It will be another hard year!

Zimbabwe continues in its famine from failed rains earlier this year. Our organisation has a famine fund set up to help our workers respond in His love and compassion to the needs they see around them in some more rural parts of the country. If you are led by our Lord to help with this need, here is a link you can follow - <http://give.team.org/zimbabwe> Please pray that God will provide for these needs in Chad and Zimbabwe, that His people will be a blessing to those who need Him and especially for our workers who daily face the stress of encountering many of these people who are in dire need and doing what they can to help.

We do not know what the immediate future holds for us, nor for our countries in Africa and workers serving there. But we know with certainty that the ONE who holds our hands is the ONE who does know the future ... and He will not let us nor our co-workers in Africa go!

With grateful hearts for your, love, prayer and support in caring for our teams in Africa.

Rich and Anne

#### Prayer/Praise Summary

- Praise – for a wonderful time of encouragement, instruction, fellowship and worship together as a worldwide T-org body of like-minded workers for the King
- Pray for our new T-org director, Justin Burkholder, and his family
- Pray for Liz, our former Africa regional director, as she steps into a new chapter of her life
- Pray for the health challenges for Rich's Mom and Uncle and for us as we care for them
- Pray for our ongoing ministry with our Africa co-workers as we seek to encourage and build them up in any way we can – family needs weigh on the hearts of many of them
- Pray for Rich as he travels to attend the annual conferences - in Chad (Nov 22 to Dec 12) and in South Africa (Jan 2 to 18 approx.)
- Pray for the critical humanitarian needs in Chad and Zimbabwe
- Pray for the Good News of our Savior to be proclaimed across these lands and for many to be saved

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