

NOTES FROM THE FOGLEMAN JOURNEY WITH JESUS

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come . The old has gone, the new is here!”

II Corinthians 5:17

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are grateful to God for bringing us into this new year since we last wrote. Not only is it a new year of life. But we are also seeing new creation come about in front of our eyes on this 81 degree day in mid-March—IN IOWA! It is so good to hear the birds singing and seeing even a bit of green color amidst the brown grass. And we thank God for the newness that we are seeing, hearing, and experiencing.

Sharon and I got to experience a new and refreshing interaction with our TMS Global colleagues at our Global Gathering in Turkey in early January. This is an event that happens every two years, when TMS Global missionaries from all over the globe gather together for reconnecting, fellowshiping, praying, resting, discerning, learning, and strategizing. We have enjoyed having this privilege of gathering with dear friends (new and old) at several of these Gatherings over the past decade. God refreshes our spirits with this interaction, and we feel encouraged to continue on the journey.

But this Global Gathering was special in many ways. During our time together—our “new” TMS Global president, Jim Ramsey—put forward his blueprint for the organization as we moved into the New Year. It emphasizes our need as cross-cultural witnesses (CCWs) to see the changing world atmosphere of our times—and the challenges and opportunities that it brings to our participation with God in His mission. As a Christian mission-sending agency, our strategies of how we reach people for Christ is going to have to include understanding and exploring the fact that the general world-flow of people these days is “from everywhere to everywhere”. We are developing partnerships around the world with churches and church networks, and we are collaborating with them—even now. And we want to develop deeper and more sustainable relationships with our supporting churches and individuals—everywhere.

We learned about new global trends especially among the young people of today’s world. It was also good to build up and encourage one another through our stories from the many places in which we serve and witness. Even a new position of strategic guidance is going to be available starting this year to assist our CCWs to keep their strategies sharp and effective.

We all left the Gathering this year encouraged and refreshed—with a definite feeling that God is moving in a new way in our midst. And we are excited to see what He is going to do. Please pray for the newness of the creation that is taking place in our midst.

After departing from the Gathering, Sharon and I took a couple of days of vacation—touring the beautiful and fascinating city of Istanbul. It was so good to experience its vast history, its colorful markets, and its many cultures. We even got to take a stunning 2 hour boat ride around the Bosphorus

Strait. Despite the January temperatures, the sun was shining brightly for the whole trip, and we were so blessed by the strikingly beautiful views we saw.

As our son, Mark and his wife, Kenzi are also CCWs working under TMS Global, we also stopped in on our way back to the US for a short visit to their home and workplace in the country of Albania. It, too, is a beautiful country with a rich history and culture. And we got to spend a few days just getting to play with the grandkids there: Emma (10), William (8), and Matthew (4). We even got to see the older two show off their indoor rock-climbing skills.

But after arriving back in the US from this enriching trip, we had even another treat in store-- the arrival of our 8th grandchild. In the early morning hours of February 23rd, True Royal Hayes was delivered into this world by our daughter, Joella—right here in the Coralville/Iowa City area. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. And she arrived safely and smoothly following only 12 minutes of pushing! Mother and baby are fine, and she is feeding and growing well. She is beautiful—as you can see from the pictures with the proud grandparents.

So, the new year has started out with many blessings that God has brought our way—after a **very** busy 2024. We have not yet planned a mission trip for this year thus far. Part of the reason is related to a concern that we would like to encourage you to lift up in prayer. Sharon is having some health issues that have been just noticed since Christmastime. She is presently having them evaluated at the medical clinics of the University of Iowa—just close to us here in Coralville. Please pray for her and for those who are caring for her during this time. Thanks so much.

Until next time, may you experience God's newness of creation once again in your hearts as we head into this season of Lent. We appreciate you all so much and thank you for your faithful support.

God bless you,

In His love and service,

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