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Missionary Update

Dear Family & Friends

What do you do when, after two years, all you've planned, prayed and worked for suddenly crumbles and you have no "Plan B" in mind?

When we started a church plant in Fallbrook 10 years ago, our goal, as we've shared with you before, was to leave an established church in the hands of a Hispanic pastor and move on to a new ministry in a new location. Two years ago God brought us that man, and we began seeking the Lord's direction for our next step. Just prior to Pastor Ramiro's coming, I was diagnosed with "probable early Alzheimer's". At that time we began thinking about getting into a "retirement community" where I could receive adequate care should that diagnosis prove to be true, and from which we could continue working in support ministries to Hispanic churches as long as I was able.

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We felt the Lord directed us to just the right place - Mt. Miguel Covenant Village - near San Diego, and we applied and were accepted for residency there. After being on the waiting list for 2 years, we were told on April 12th that 3 apartments were available. On the 13th we made our selection, and on the 16th we chose the apartment's color scheme and put down our deposit. On the 18th we put our mobile home on the market and started taking steps for downsizing to a 1 bedroom apartment. As prospective buyers came by, we began getting excited about our move. However, on May 10th, all forward movement came to a halt when a call from Mt. Miguel informed us that a new look at our financial portfolio showed we probably would not qualify for residency there after all!! The shock and disappointment shook us for about a day and a half, but as we praised the Lord anyway, and reaffirmed our trust in Him, He picked us up and helped us to find a "Plan B" while we waited for Mt. Miguel's final word.

Our oldest son Sam, who lives about an hour's drive away from us in Hemet, CA told us that there is a sizable Hispanic population there. Little by little that vague possibility developed into a viable

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option. When, after 4 weeks we found out how much short we were of qualifying at Mt. Miguel, we forged ahead in active pursuit of "Plan B" in Hemet, and in one week's time the Lord confirmed that in our hearts. In a short time we found at least 9 Hispanic churches with whom we could work, and began searching a new mobile home. We withdrew our application from Mt. Miguel Covenant Village on June 15th, and put a deposit down on a mobile home in Hemet. We anticipate moving the last week in July, contingent upon the sale of our home in Fallbrook. Incidentally, "the icing on the cake" is that providentially the Lord just guided my sister Nancy to leave Illinois and move in with our recently widowed brother John, who lives just 5 houses down the street from our son Sam and his family!!

We want to thank you so much for praying for us. Some of you knew what we were going through during this period and encouraged us greatly. We want to share with you our vision for our future ministry, but we'll leave that until our next letter when we will give you our new address and phone number.

By the way, the Lord has been gracious to me in the 2 1/2 years since my diagnosis in giving me a clear mind. I will continue indefinitely on the medications prescribed for me at that time, and I'm trusting the Lord to give me at least 10 more years of active ministry. Thank you for standing with us through your prayers and financial support. We couldn't do it without you. Gratefully your,
Jim and Gail McKelvey
Cam International

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Dear Pastor Wenner & Missions Committee
Shalom! God is so good because He helped us get through another very busy month. What did we do in June? Besides the usual stuff like conducting our weekly Saturday Believers Meeting and counseling and meeting with people, we also decided to begin a Wednesday Night "Membership class". We wanted to use these classes to try and go deeper with these new believers in doctrine and purpose. We were very disappointed to find that only 6 of the adults made the commitment to attend regularly. Most of those who came were the teens! We

continue to emphasize our work with the youth through the various events and meetings. We took 13 kids to a Chicago White Sox game, 5 of these being unsaved Jewish kids. Noam continues to teach his weekly Teen Bible Study finishing up the Book of Matthew. Our HaDerek Youth Outreach continues to attract about 25 teens (we had two events in June). We recruited our teens to volunteer for S.O. W. (Summer Outreach Week) to help make flyers and hand them out. June was most stressful because several of the teens who have recently made profession of faith have been living double lives. We have spent much time challenging them to give up their old selves. Some times it's so heart breaking because you see their mistakes before they do and you know all you can do is pray for them. Please pray for God to give us patience.

We are truly exhausted after all of this and have been counseled to slow down a lot in July and August.

Still Moving Forward for Messiah,

Kirk and Carla Gliebe

Devar Emet Messianic Jewish Outreach

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Dear Partners

As we end another school year and begin to plan for the future, I am thankful to God for His care for our family and His blessing on our work with students and faculty across the country.

In my first two years as national Collegiate Ministries Director, we have faced the need to appoint a number of new leaders for each of the regions shown in the map as eleven of the eighteen regional directors have taken new roles in IV or moved into new avenues of service. Over my first two years, ten new men and women have said yes to our invitation to expanded leadership. Last April, I had the joy of leading them in two days of training. The conversation, questions, and laughter filled the room as we focused on how best to expand our ministry on campus in the years ahead. They appreciated the time so much that they asked if they could come early to a national leadership meeting this fall to cover the parts of the training that we did not finish. What a joy it is to see God appoint and develop gifted leaders to key positions.

Each June, we bring our new staff to Madison to develop them for their ministry on campus. One hundred and seven joined us this year. I have the joy of leading a small group of these new staff.

Over the ten days of training, we talked and prayed and laughed together as they went out to do evangelism, learned to develop a ministry support team, and met God very personally through talks on our vision and calling as staff members. I came away

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thankful for this new class of staff and hopeful that my sons will one day be influenced by men and women like them. Both boys are continuing to live and work in our old neighborhood in the SE suburbs of Chicago. Andy hopes to move to Madison later this summer to get a job and start community college in the fall.

Janet is commuting back to her Counseling Center three days a week. She thoroughly loves her work and plans to continue the commute for the foreseeable future. We miss Chicago but are gradually feeling more and more at home in Madison.

Thanks so much for your partnership!

Warmly

Jim Lundgren

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

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Dear Friends and Family,

God has been good to us this spring. So many things have happened.

The International Baptist Theological Seminary held its graduation service in May. We were blessed to produce 22 graduates from 15 different countries. Of these, nine finished the Master's level program. This was the highest number of graduate degrees in recent history for us. Please pray with us that God will lead them into viable ministry in their home countries.

I have been involved with several work teams who have come to help with several projects on campus. With the help of volunteers from England, we remodeled a dormitory building. With the help of some volunteers from Texas, we finished a gazebo which a team from Wheaton had started in February. We praise God for His faithfulness in providing the workers we need to keep the campus operating.

Our two children have finished their first year at Riverside school. They both had good report cards. Nic has done well in literacy and Selina has developed in her math and reading. They were both able to play soccer on a team this spring. Nic went away for a week on the school's activity week, which was the longest he has ever been away from home. We are thankful to the Lord for the finances that many of you have provided to allow them to attend this school.

Finally, I want to tell you that I have been able to qualify our seminary for two matching funds program. One is for student tuition and the other is for our library. The maximum amount on scholarship program is \$2,000 which the maximum amount on the library project is \$10,000. If you re interested in giving

money that will be doubled, please contact me directly by phone, email, or post. Pray with us that God will prompt His people to share so that others can receive the training they need to assist in the building of His kingdom in Europe. Our church life has been full as well. Debby continues to play piano for our multinational congregation. She is also active on the Worship Committee and is still teaching piano to seminary students. I have been preaching about once a month and serving on the Evangelism and Discipleship Committee. These past few months have seen a creative way to study the Bible. I have been helping organize a new mid-week Bible study where we look at the scriptures that the preacher will use on Sunday. Our church uses the revised common lectionary for the weekly scriptures and the mid-week Bible study has been a good tool to get us ready to hear the sermon and thin about ways to apply the scriptures to our lives.

Please continue to pray for us.

1. Pray for the incoming students this autumn. Pray that they would have the finances that they need to study here in Prague.
2. Pray for our family, that we would be strong witness for Christ to those around us.
3. Pray for our church, that we will worship and live together in a Christ-like manner.

For His Kingdom in Eastern Europe,

Gregory Nichols

Greater Europe Mission



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM	4	5	6 Men's Prayer 8AM Christian Ed Mtg 9:30AM
7 Worship Service 10AM Communion	8	9	10 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM Bill Keyser BDay	11 Susan Kreider BDay	12	13
14 Worship Service 10AM	15	16	17 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM	18 Marcia Blake BDay	19 Ruth Nolan BDay	20 Men's Prayer 8AM
21 Worship Service 10AM Prayer & Praise 6PM	22	23	24 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM	25	26	27 Taylor Wedding Carla Herndobler BDay
28 Worship Service 10AM	29	30	31 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM			