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A Farquhar Family Production

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He changes times and seasons;...He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.
Daniel 2:21 NIV

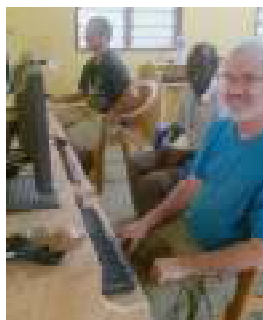
As we sit down to write this letter, we scratch our heads, wondering how it is that December will mark our 30th year of serving God at International Teams (ITeams). Technology at ITeams that didn't exist when Dann started then but now is taken for granted includes:

- Email
- Internet
- Websites
- File sharing
- Skype and Zoom
- Desktop Publishing



We are grateful for being part of implementing this technology to help share the Gospel.

Lately, Dann has been maintaining and improving ITeams information technology. One example: To reduce the cost of postal mail the system has been updated. Donors now have the ability to receive digital notifications when their gifts have been processed rather than receiving a monthly statement by mail. Dann has also been called on to help resolve problems with the building's HVAC system.



Last time we wrote, we were planning a journey to **Ghana** with Two Pennies Ministry. The journey began March 24. Dann was part of the team which equipped the library with ten work stations and two servers for this

remote community. It was incredible that the team set up wireless access to the school for the students' education as most of the school's buildings have no electricity.

Nancy sorted and organized books for the library. She assisted with the beginnings of sack gardening for many of the families. Others in our team helped start a pig farm and also conducted a conference for area



pastors. The children at Love and Care Orphanage are doing great; they have recently been able to enroll in a better school and are progressing like crazy. Worshiping God in the African style was quite amazing as well. Thank you so much to those who made this trip possible with your prayers and financial support.

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Family Updates:

July brought a kaleidoscope of experiences and emotions. Starting with Michael's wedding (see below) we then traveled to Pennsylvania to celebrate the wedding of our niece Katie to Richard. We love that they live in a remote village in Alaska where she teaches, bringing back good memories of our years in Fairbanks. We then briefly celebrated our own fortieth wedding anniversary by going out to lunch. However, that night we traveled to Tennessee, meeting with Dann's brother Kevin and his wife Jan to empty out their parents' home, which had sold at last. Thankfully, Nancy's sister Julie



came along and was immensely helpful in sorting, shredding, and packing. Joy, exhaustion, nostalgia, indecision, sorrow, remembrances, gratitude—we lived it all.

Nancy still works at Target, busy lately with training seasonal employees and balancing work in several departments. It is her regular prayer to be salt and light to those around her each day. She is in her second year as chair of our church's Mission Team, which provides joyful opportunities to connect with folks from around the world who serve Christ. She also prays for wisdom for her leadership of the team.

God has graced us with a new friend **Ann**, who has been living with us since April. A long-time Elgin resident, she brings local history to life; and her sweet, mothering spirit is a constant encouragement to us.

Elizabeth and Jerry added a fourth child, little Josiah. He is now 17 months, currently in foster care, but moving toward adoption.

Pics to come!

Benjamin is kept extremely busy as a manager for Panera, working in DeKalb



Matthew moved to a new apartment in Chicago. He was able to help a neighbor that was shot. He now has a cat.

Kyla works as a foster care case manager with Volunteers of America of Illinois. She is still living above the church where she serves on the worship team. November 13 she leaves for Puerto Rico for a week to help with the aftermath of the hurricanes. **Updates coming.**

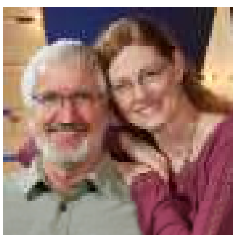
Rachel and Adam are expecting baby number four the end of January. **Awaiting Pics...**

Michael married **Alyssa**, who is also in the Navy, on July 7. We had the privilege of meeting her that day! It's like this... when you are both active duty military, you have to take advantage of what little leave you have and hope to be stationed together soon.



Danny is enjoying life on his own. He is juggling working in food service, writing, and college classes.

Joseph has finished high school and is living in Elgin on his own.



The nest is now empty! However, we continue renovating this old Victorian home. We love being part of leading and hosting a Bible study. And we especially love hearing from you, grateful as always for your prayers and support.

Blessings,

Don Nancy