

# BITS and

# Pieces

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*Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14*

 Dann's position at One Collective is a behind the scenes, nuts and bolts kind of ministry. One of his current projects is replacing the donor software system. The current system has been in use for over 20 years. Connected to that is the need to research a replacement for the accounting software, also over 20 years old. In computer time that makes them truly dinosaurs! It's complex to integrate them into our existing processes.

The Home Office is again looking for an Information Services coworker with a heart for missions (translated means someone who is willing to serve, working long term at a nonprofit salary level).

 Maybe it's time for a refresher of the heart of One Collective. One Collective's strategy is rooted in a holistic approach inspired by Jesus' love for people, insuring that no one is invisible and everyone has access to food, freedom and forgiveness. Our model is based on Catalysts whose job is to humbly bring people in a community together around a shared vision for change.



Please take a few minutes to watch this video highlighting one of our many communities where the way of Jesus is practiced.

<https://vimeo.com/875375770?fl=pl&fe=sh>



With Two Pennies Ministry we led a team to Ghana in March. The new team members contributed much to the work, bringing skills and enthusiasm, and are looking forward to another journey.

Dann was able to install StarLink, providing high speed internet service to the Training Center in Akim Kwameng. This enables the



children to improve their English and computer skills needed for their education. A bonus is that many of the pastors there are having weekly Bible study with our church. Also, the children there are connecting via videos with families here, building relationships and giving them spiritual encouragement.

The time with the children at Love and Care Orphanage was once again spent building relationships with them and assessing their needs. As they mature we can have deeper conversations that touch everyone's hearts. We joined with them in a prayer meeting, worshiping, praying and playing.





We welcomed two grandbabies to our family now totaling eleven grandchildren. Matthew (MJ) was born on June 21 to Matthew and Kerry. Roselyn (Rosey) was born on October 2 to Michael and Dulce. They are adorable little bundles of joy, and we thank God for the gift of these new lives.

In September our 1893 house was one of seven on the 43rd annual Elgin Historic House Tour. For six months before, we scraped, painted, dug, planted, staged... For two days visitors toured, with nine docents sharing the history and architectural features of our home.



Yes, this is our home; no, this is not our car.

One of the docents was Clare Ollayos, whose father was a renowned Elgin pediatrician. Her



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family lived here where he practiced medicine for 30 years. At Clare’s prompting we held a small Tea and Tour (and Two Pennies fund raiser) for folks who remember visiting the doctor here when they were young.

It’s humbling that God allows us to share a part of this home’s history. Yes, it’s beautiful, even



with countless restoration projects remaining. Like ourselves, it will never be perfect this side of heaven.

After a slow start with oven repairs, Thanksgiving was a wonderful time with the family enjoying a great meal. This Christmas will be more laid back.



God’s Blessings to you this Christmas and in 2026,

*Dann + Nancy*



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