BITS and Pieces

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Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18

Greetings:

Can you believe it took 10 years for these sunflowers to grow? The seeds spent the first 9 1/2 years forgotten in a back corner of the freezer. We were amazed to see them gain 2-3 inches each day. If the birds and squirrels don't get them first, their seeds will be edible soon. *Lesson learned: It's never too late for God to produce a harvest.*



Ministry News:

Eighteen months ago One Collective began the process of choosing new accounting software. Our accounting service is no longer able to support the old accounting system, so this took precedence over updating the donor software, which we had also been working towards replacing. The new system went live in July, and it is about 94% integrated. Next on the agenda is changing the donor software because it is no longer supported by the company that produced it. It was a relief to have many of the needed reports run automatically, instead of having to manually produce them. *Lesson Learned: Never think you are done with the project.*



What includes 7 people, takes 66 hours of plane and car travel, and lasts 11 days? Our most recent journey to Ghana in June. Projects included prayer meetings, installing new technology, painting the medical clinic, participating in a community march for women's health, and more.

Nearly 60 children crowded into the training center, eager to explore the 15 computers, causing us to improvise with story time, manipulatives, Legos, and puzzles. We quickly established a schedule with the area schools so the kids now have quality time to learn.



The team divided, and we went with a group to the orphanage. An outing to the beach, a time of worship, and a meal together, and all too soon we had to part. *Lesson Learned: So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.*



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Family News:

The last couple of years Nancy has faced a few health challenges. In August she was hospitalized for her third bowel obstruction; we are grateful no surgery has been required. In April she received a pacemaker required due to heart block. Thankfully, she had an implantable loop recorder following a diagnosis of atrial flutter in 2024 which recorded the heart block. None of this has managed to slow her down for more than a little while, but sometimes it has been hard. We apologize for not including this in past newsletters.

At God's leading our daughter Kyla moved home from Indianapolis in December. She soon started working with One Collective Elgin's Winter Shelter and has since served in other areas at the One Collective Home Office where everyone loves and appreciates her. She is seeking God's will for her future.



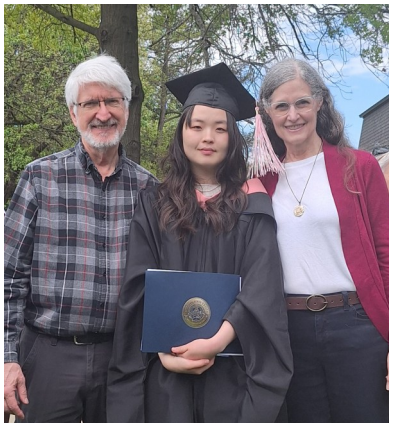
We celebrated 250 years of America with family. We had 10 of our 11 grandchildren together and had a 'blast' setting off our own fireworks, provided by our son Michael.



Lesson Learned: God sets the lonely in families Psalms 68:6

Student News:

For over 15 years God has blessed us with amazing friendships as we've opened our home to Judson University students.



After two wonderful years, we said goodbye to Seunhyeon Jin following her graduation from Judson with a Masters degree in Community Worship. We will miss her and her outstanding piano recitals.



At just the right time we learned of Monika, a Masters level Judson student from Poland who joined us in August. We have discovered we know nothing about collegiate volleyball, but we are having fun learning; she is a delightful young women.

Lesson Learned: And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. Eph 3:17-19

God's blessings to you,

Dann + Nancy