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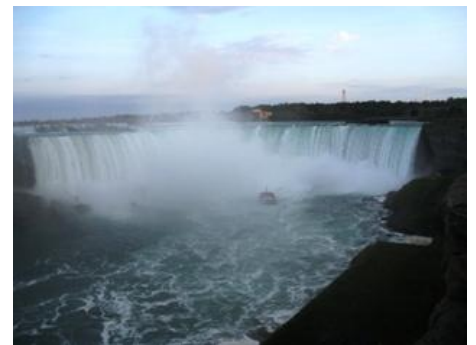
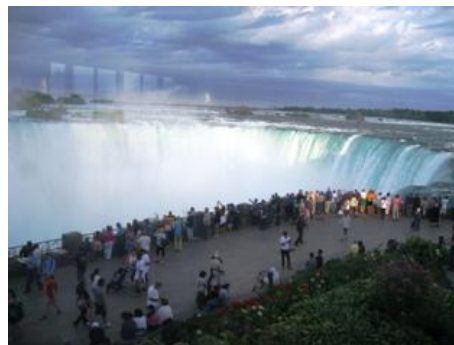
Dear Friends, Family, and In-Pact Partners:

Once again, we have tried to write for almost a month, but between doctors' appointments, weather, short trips, and an enormous list of "gotta-get-it-done" projects, we've just not had the chance. Even now, we're making ourselves do this update to our last letter in August.

## Phase Two Detroit:

When we last wrote, we were home with a planned return to Detroit which we did. Now we're home for a longer period of time, doing ministry in an "in-and-out" way. Upon our return to Detroit we ministered with and to three volunteer teams in a row. We wrote earlier about Abundant Life Church from Lee Summit, MO, and Wellspring Fellowship from our home church in Bolivar, MO.

After these two teams left, Jacob and Nicole took a few days to celebrate their First Wedding Anniversary, and the Johns family left for some vacation time, so the two of us decided to take our first trip to Niagara Falls via the Canadian side. Even though only three days, it was a wonderful reprieve we'll never forget. You can see more pics on Bob's Facebook. We didn't do the "behind the Falls" walk, the boat trip and other things (just too weary), but took a lovely drive down the river to Niagara On The Lake up in winery country and spent the rest of the time sitting along the promenade enjoying the Falls themselves. And, some great eating, too. Perfect!



Returning from Niagara Falls, we began preparing for our third team, Eleos KC volunteer Stan Grout, and the Bikers For Christ KC guys. Stan came early to help Jacob begin the tile work, and then the BFC team reworked several doors, did more tile work, and built the framework for the service counters. Weeks later Stan and three of the bikers returned to finish the tile work in the other rooms, completing first floor major projects.



## Back in the Ozarks:

Soon after the BFC guys left, we returned home to host Kevin, Cindy, and Christopher on the way to Texas, for his second year of college. Kevin also had to make a trip to Medellin, Colombia for several days to prepare for building projects at the Bible school in Medellin. They are still, meeting with pastors and other leaders and interested individuals, raising the balance of their next budget. Remember to pray for them.



Deanna did her annual MS150 bike ride raising money to fight MS (see above). Debbie and "crew" from MO, CO, and TX surprised her at the finish line. Debbie, Rachel, our niece Kathy and nephew Bryan, all have MS. She honored Debbie with her MS150 medal. At age 50, Deanna still rode over 3,000 miles during her three months of training and participation.

Next, we stayed with Michael and JoyLinn while Deanna and Jim went on their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary trip, postponed last year by her long fight against breast cancer. They hit Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo, Toronto, Niagara Falls, and Detroit. They stayed in "our" apartment while they saw the Eleos Detroit ministry. Jacob and Nicole hosted them. Bob also preached to the potential church plant group Jim and Deanna lead.

Returning home, Cheri and Bob came for her 30<sup>th</sup> SBU graduation celebration and then stayed over to help us with some of our many home improvement projects, including re-installing a large window in the family room and stripping and sealing the house. Hickory trees and weather leave an indescribable ugliness. The two of us finally got the sealing on the house, decks, and porch this past Thursday.



We were again privileged to participate in the annual MO Retired Missionaries' Retreat at Cross Point Camp & Retreat Center on the Lake of the Ozarks last week. It was a special blessing to lead the worship time. The group also enjoyed reports from recent missionary activities and an evening Blue Grass presentation.



## Other Ministries:

> **Farsi** ---- We are thrilled to announce the birth of our 14<sup>th</sup> "grandchild"! Since we see "M" as our son, we can say that. Diana was born October 13<sup>th</sup>, and all are doing well . . . and very happy. We don't have a recent report from "M" (as you can imagine), but do have one from Joel and Ira Colon who work directly with the Farsi ministry in the development of discipleship material and video production. Here is their recent report:

*"The Farsi ministry continues to be a constant reminder that God's plans cannot be thwarted or changed in any circumstance. Despite the website still being down with additional delays in the website redesign process, the ministry continues to grow. This past month we were notified that **we are now currently ranked as the second largest Persian ministry in the whole world** based on the number of subscribers and Facebook likes. This ministry was originally designed to fill what we saw as a particular need for materials and information for truth seekers, young Christians, and critical early discipleship. The astounding growth is an affirmation that we are really joining God where He is already working in people's lives."* There was also an opportunity to have their 300+ videos shown on a major network with a 10 million viewing audience, but security concerns for people in certain Islamic countries has prompted them to decline that for the time being.



You can imagine how thrilled we are about this news of the Farsi ministry's continued expansion. We remain amazed. God has had His hand on the Farsi ministry from the beginning, and we have no idea how many countries are impacted. "M" tells us that at least 500 Farsi speakers have come to Christ in the past five years. They continue translating material, producing videos, and ministering personally through "F's" growing ministry in Germany, the work in Sweden and Thailand, other unnamed countries, and Facebook, which currently gets over 150,000 visits a month, mostly from Afghanistan and Iran.

> **Sergei in Siberia** ---- We recently received a report from Sergey Lyahov in Siberia. Here are excerpts: *"The Lord allowed us to do marvelous missionary journey to Ukraine. Team of nine people visited many churches [and took] the Word of God from home to home. They saw a lot of people praying a sinner's prayer. . . We [also] take the Good News to new villages. . . [we see] a small growth into our Christian home groups. Now we are so glad that a few families in the village of Ivolve turned to God. . . where a Buddhist temple is close by, . . . a center of Buddhism all the Russia. . . . The Lord gives us His grace to continue to serve and make a progress in the realm of rehabilitation center ministry for both men and women. . . . On the photo you may see our church meeting, . . . Continue to pray for us, for our team and for a lot of people to be saved in Buryatia. Pastor Sergey and team."* See Pastor Segey's church building below left.



> **Saied in Norway** ---- Since our last letter our Syrian pastor friend, Saied, and his wife had their Russian visas cancelled and had to seek asylum in Norway. We were able to raise funds to help them make the transition. Now they are in a refugee camp in extreme northern Norway near the Arctic Circle where they

continue ministering to Arabic refugees. Through sports, sharing meals, personal witnessing, and leading Arabic services in a nearby local church, they continue faithfully serving. You will understand if we do not show "faces" pictures in our newsletters. Note the good group above center, along with Saied and his wife.

### **Looking Ahead:**

We will begin a revival meeting this coming Sunday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, at First Baptist Church in Climax Springs, MO, with Pastor Larry Nash. We are excited about being with this small congregation, and are praying that God will do a powerful and life-changing work that will radically impact the church and this tiny community. Pray for us.

Upon our return, we will resume working on the many major projects around the house, including cleaning, staining, and resealing the garage and garden shed. We also need to cut down several dead trees and gain mastery over all the leaves that plague us each Fall. All of this and more is necessary because of the years of neglect our place endured while we were overseas. Between 2003 and 2008 we were home less than four months. Since then, we've been home only about six months out of each year. So, there is lots needing to be done, and during this brief lull in ministry, we're trying to catch up.

Later this month we will be participating in the annual Missouri Baptist State Convention in Springfield (Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>), be part of the anniversary celebration at Little Blue Baptist Church in Kansas City where Bob's Dad pastored for so many years (Nov 8<sup>th</sup>), go to Deanna's for Thanksgiving, see Cindy and Kevin off to Colombia, and remain available for those last-minute ministry requests that come in.

November through February are always slow times of the year for ministry, but God always puts us where we seem to be needed, and we expect the same thing. We also already have several ministry opportunities scheduled for 2016 including Bob speaking at the State Evangelism conference in February, our return to the Barry County Evangelism and Bible conference in February, several tentative meetings in the Spring, and our return to Europe next Summer for several months of ministry. Our hope is to return to Germany, Sweden, and Ukraine, and hopefully add Norway to spend time with Pastor Saied and one of the international churches there.

### **America and the World:**

We don't need to tell you just how desperate things are both here in the U.S., and in many places around the world. There is no doubt that a global spiritual "chess match" is in full swing. Corruption in our government, moral depravity in every strata of society, economic uncertainty, the deterioration of America's global influence, the rise of Islamic extremism, and the surge of anti-Semitism against Israel seem to nearly overwhelm us at times. Our hearts cry out for more opportunities to open to us to declare the truths God has burned into our hearts, but often it seems age and other things move churches to prefer younger or more polished evangelists.

At the same time, we try to take advantage of every opportunity, whether small or big. We are seeing the great value of social media in being able to articulate the lessons God has taught us over the years, and will continue to do so as long as possible. For the third straight year, we're asking God to increase our endurance, extend our days, and open doors. We ask that you do the same.

### **Our In-Pact Partners:**

While we never forget just how important our In-Pact partners who pray for us and support Life Unlimited with their financial support, we sometimes fail to thank them and give them the honor they deserve. So, Thank you, thank you, thank you! The past few months the Lord has called some of them home, and even though this increases our monthly shortfall, we still rejoice and celebrate their home going. Sometimes people assume we have many monthly supporters, but that is not the case. As a point of fact, out of the more than 400 families who receive our letters, we currently have ten families who support us on a monthly basis, one family and a church that supports the Farsi ministry, and fifteen families who have given toward a specific trip or project during 2015. We praise God for each one, and pray that He will increase the number who support us monthly. 100% of what is given goes directly toward ministry costs.

As we draw closer to climactic times, we are driven by the fact that there is still much to be done, places to be, and needs to meet. It's all so much bigger than we are, and cannot do it without your encouragement, prayers, and support. We need you more now than ever. Please pray for us daily! The prayer requests are many.

In His Bond, By His Grace, and For His Kingdom,  
The Tollivers, Bob and Jo Ann