



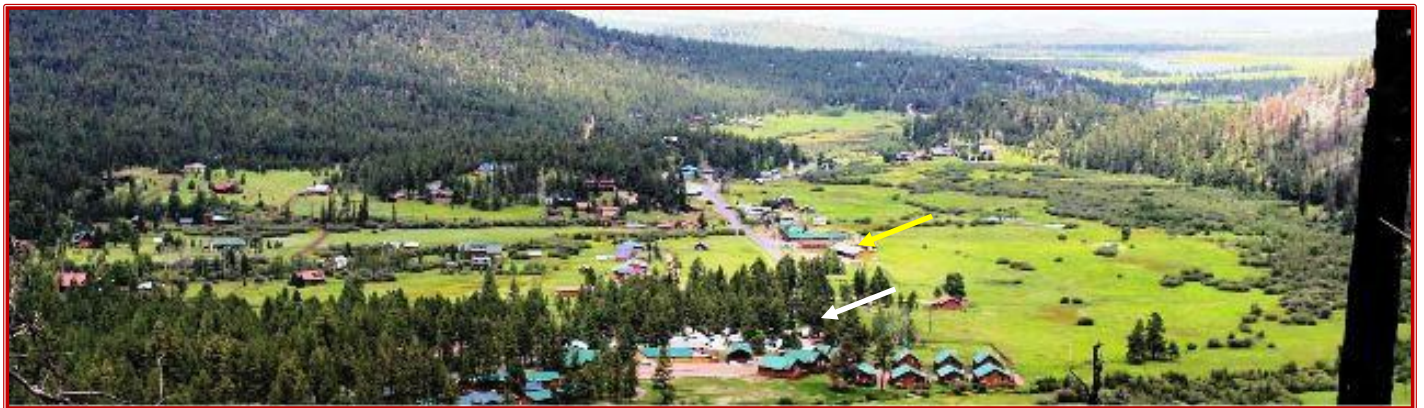
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Compelled to GO

BIG PRAYER NEEDS REMAIN! ---- We still face several **Major** ministry opportunities, changes, and needs for this year and next. **Please pray for us every time you think of us.** This is one of the biggest scheduling and financial challenges in recent years, so we need your prayer. Details below.

Dear Friends, Family, and In-Pact Partners:

When Bob began working on this praise/prayer update letter, he was shocked to realize that we had not sent you an update since the end of March ---- that's three and a half months!!! Shame, shame, shame! What else can we say except that, once again (this is becoming a habit!) we apologize. But, if you look at this panoramic view of where we currently live and serve, you'll know why it's often so hard to do things like newsletters.



Surrounded on all sides by mountain ridges, Greer meanders through Lee Valley. This view from Greer Peak faces north. The West Branch and the East Branch of the Little Colorado River flow along each side of the Peak just below the bottom of the picture, and then wind off to the right, breaking into several little streams scattered through the shrubs along the right side. The dead-end "Main Street" runs through the cabin-dotted trees along the bottom left of the picture before heading upward toward another tree line in the upper center, and then following along the distant meadow out to State Highway 260. Three trout-filled lakes are around the bend and out of sight in the distance, just five minutes away. The Little Colorado River is also trout laden.

The scars of the devastating 2012 Wallow Fire can be barely seen along the ridge on the far right. After scorching over 540,000 acres of mountainsides, the wind suddenly shifted and the fire blew back on itself and died out after destroying about a dozen houses on the right side of the valley and opposite side of the River. If you find the white arrow, you can see the very end of our 5th Wheel we bought last Summer, and try to imagine the view out across the meadow from our table and Bob's desk. The yellow arrow points to the Community Center where chapel services and Bible studies are held weekly.

SINCE MARCH:

Now that you've had the tour, . . . upon our return the end of March from our trip to Arizona, we had much to do to prepare for what was going to be eleven months away from home. Fortunately, our schedule in April and early May was pretty light, because Jo Ann was sick with sinus and allergy infections much of the time, prolonged for many weeks by a severe reaction to the antibiotics she had taken. Sometimes people don't realize that when they take antibiotics, they throw the body into an extended period of readjusting back to normal biological infection fighting. This was one of the worst episodes she ever had.

In spite of that, Bob was able to preach at FBC, Osceola, MO, just ten miles from home, and try to feverishly catch up on maintenance and repair work around the house. We were also able to make a quick trip to see ministry board members Rod and Janie Carsten in Iowa, daughter Cheri, grandkids, and new great grandchildren in MN, and then daughter Deanna, Jim, and their kids including seeing JoyLinn perform in the Galesburg Academy of Performing Arts' musical stage presentation of "Bye Bye, Birdie".



LUM Board Members Janie & Rod Carsten



Bob and Cheri with Katya and Family



Misha with Roma and family



2017 Galesburg Academy of Performing Arts presentation of "Bye Bye, Birdie". JoyLinn under yellow arrow.

Then it was "all hands on deck" getting ready for our eleven-month trip to minister to Greer Chapel in the White Mountains of eastern AZ (May 12 through Oct 25th) and then on to Yuma, AZ, to pastor for the first time Chapel de Oro" (Nov 1 through March 31).

Ministry in Greer:

We arrived in Greer on May 12th, two weeks before ministry began, so we could get settled in, have a couple of weeks to adjust to the altitude change, and try to catch a day or two of sightseeing. One of our first surprises was finding our 5th wheel moved from its old site to the new site that had been announced but not confirmed. When the park owner welcomed us, she told us to let her know if she could help. Little did we know what she had done. Arriving at our old site, Jo Ann exclaimed, "Where's our trailer?????" Then we saw it next door in the new site. That was the beginning of seven weeks of waiting and work, trying to get the concrete patio poured.



Jo Ann: "Where's Our Trailer???"



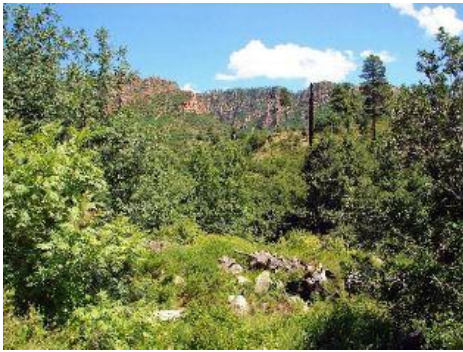
Park Owner Linda: "Are you surprised?"



Waiting for a month to get cement patio.

Finally, the week before Chapel ministry was to begin, we managed to squeeze in two days for an overnight trip along the Mogollon Rim (Zane Gray country) thru Sedona to the Grand Canyon and then across through Hopi and Navajo reservations to do a little sight seeing. We decided to not include nearby Painted Desert and Petrified Forest, hopefully leaving it for another time. We had not been in this part of AZ since the girls were young and still in school. We never cease to marvel at how God's amazing creation shouts out His many

attributes. It is impossible to capture the beauty of this part of the world. Bob is trying to get pictures ready to post on his Facebook page, but there are so many! He does have some already posted of the Grand Canyon.



Looking up at Mogollon Rim near Payson



Driving into Sedona



A totally inadequate look at the Canyon

Chapel ministry began Memorial Day week-end even though several families were not there yet. Attendance has been strong even though we've had five or more regular families gone nearly every week-end because of accidents, illness, or other travel plans. In spite of that, attendance has been comparable to 2016, and we've had first-timers present in every service. Overall, 2017 looks to exceed 2016 in several ways.

The spirit of the people has been inexplicably fresh and deep, and many feel that "something is afoot" in Greer this year. There has been a freedom, an exuberance in the singing, intense concentration in listening to the sermons, and an excitement in being together and welcoming new people. We are anticipating an exceptional season. In addition to our regular worship service and three Bible study groups, we also added a new Bible study group in the RV park where we live. In addition, several from the park have started attending Sunday services. In spite of strokes, falls, and other health issues by several families, it has been a great Summer.



Thursday morning Men's Prayer Breakfast



Sunday worship service.



RV Park Wednesday Bible Study

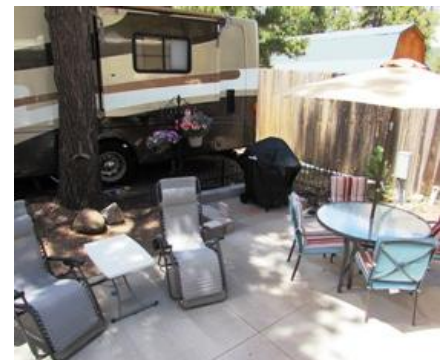
After we finally got our concrete patio poured for the RV about two weeks ago, we've been working on some landscaping, furnishing, and adding paver stones in various place to make room for our gas grill, storage shed, and other improvements. People in the park are talking about how nice things look. Since we have no plans to ever move the trailer, when our ministry here is over somewhere in the distant future, we will simply sell it. This enables us to make it look homey and welcoming to those who come for fellowship and food. The work is far from complete, but these pictures will give you an idea of what we want to do. We normally don't include so many pictures relating to our personal pleasures, but wanted you to see how God has blessed us with a place that is both comfortable, convenient, and beautiful. We hope to show a few pictures of the inside in the future.



The New concrete patio with furnishings.



The Paver Extension for our Grill.



The grill in place; on to the next project.



Hiding hitch and dish with a flower bed.



Adding "Hen and Chicks" to the root sculpture.



Add a little more lattice and plants, then done.

Other Ministry Updates:

We've not had recent updates from our partner ministries with the exception of an occasional Facebook post or short e-mail. As far as we know, our Syrian pastor friend, **Saied**, and his wife are still in Norway ministering to Arabic speaking refugees. He has requested prayer that he can find a job, but his limited knowledge of the Norwegian language is a hindrance. Their oldest son is getting married in Russia, and the two youngest sons are enrolling in university. They all have significant financial needs.

Sergei Lazarov in Siberia continue having powerful impacts among the Buryat people with the church growing and many coming to Christ. Pray for them as they continue raising up leaders and penetrating into dangerous areas where many are hostile to the Gospel and those who share it. **Joel and Ira** are seeing their ministry and coffee and flower shop maintain impacts. They graduated their first class from the missions training center and are preparing for a larger class

"**F**" still leads the Germany Farsi work. Their local group is still quite large and growing, and they have satellite groups in several other towns. "**V**" still helps minister there. "**H**" continues in Sweden. "**M**" and "**M2**" continue leading from home base, personally ministering to hundreds via Facebook in strategic countries, and their Facebook page continues getting 600,000+ visits every single month. CBN Farsi network still gives them two hours a week to televise programs to five to ten million Farsi speakers in Middle Eastern countries. Another team member remains in Turkey where he helps with the massive translating tasks necessary.

What Lies Ahead?

Our ministry here in Greer officially concludes the last Sunday of September, but we will probably meet the first Sunday or two of October, after which we will travel to Catalina, AZ, to pick up our Keystone Passport and head to Yuma, AZ, where Bob will pastor Chapel de Oro in the massive Fortuna de Oro retirement RV park in Fortuna Hills. We will share more details about that in a future letter, but the ministry possibilities are bright.

MAJOR PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that video preparation from both Medellin and Greer Chapel sermons will be progress quickly so "M" and "M2" can televise them and we can use them on Facebook and a YouTube channel.
2. Pray that Bob can complete writing Discipling Disciplers for the Farsi ministry. New Christians and leaders in numerous countries are waiting for it so they can train others to effectively share the Gospel.
3. Pray that we can get both the Facebook Page and YouTube channel set up and operational soon.
4. Pray for some serious financial needs regarding ministry equipment/vehicles ---- tires for the Suburban, AC replaced or recharged on the Passport, and water heater and awning replaced on the Passport.
5. Clarity and time available to sell the house, IF the Lord leads us that direction.
6. Our family and numerous health and financial needs they are facing. Cindy has lost her hearing in her left ear and undergoing treatment. Christopher faces graduation from SAGU next Spring. Rachel gets married in November. We all need your prayers.
7. Major internet & e-mail problems; Centurylink keeps blocking Bob's letters as SPAM. Also, connections!
8. OUR NATION! WE ARE IN A HUGE MESS!

In His Bond, By His Grace, and For His Kingdom

Bob and Jo Ann – The Tollivers

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P.S. If the Lord impresses you to help meet these financial challenges, just let us know – 417-693-5149 or lifeunlimited@centurytel.net. OR Box 184, Greer, AZ. 85927-0184.