

THE CAREW CONNECTION

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Ephesians chapter 12 has come to mind since we have been back in the States. The thought of what it means to give of ourselves, our bodies, as a living and holy sacrifice unto God. Do we do that each day? The whole chapter has so much depth and so much to ponder. Please take the time to read it and search your heart in the days to come as the new year approaches. Do you need to make changes?

We have been on the road and catching up with so many people that life becomes a whirlwind and we often must remind ourselves to slow down. We certainly aren't used to the speed of America any longer! It was great to see and spend time with friends and family in Florida, and from there we headed up to North Carolina. What a joy to connect once again with folks at Siloam Missionary homes and with other dear friends in the Graham, NC area!

Then we traveled to Michigan where we stopped to pick up a 2009 Grand Caravan given to us for furlough Missionary



Motors in Owosso. While visiting with them we were thrilled to be able to share some of our struggles and some of our future dreams with them. Please pray for them to have wisdom as they search out safe vehicles to donate to missionaries for use. We're thankful for them and the undertaking that God has led them to, to bless missionaries in this way!

Later, we arrived at our "new" home in Michigan early enough in the day to see a large "Welcome Home Les and Carol" banner across the porch. Our friends and church family had stocked our counters, cupboards and fridge with food items and yummy treats for us!

After getting settled in, we were able to spend a day with each of our kids and our grandkids before heading off to Pennsylvania for the next two weekends. It was quite cold to us since we were used to our Tchadian weather, but we enjoyed fellowshiping and getting to reconnect with folks there once more. We even took part in a bonfire and enjoyed some smores for the first time in three years! Carol was also always blessed by others who shared baking tips with her to take back to Africa! One night we were invited to a dinner banquet for Child Evangelism Fellowship and enjoyed hearing and reconnecting with Mel Walker!



We have been greatly encouraged by ones that are not only praying for us but are also considering coming for a visit to see our work! As we come into the latter part of this year, we want to leave you with some statistics that we have recently been made aware of, hoping you will pray fervently with us for God to open the floodgates for more workers into the harvest fields. The following statistics are taken from TEAM.org. The "unreached" people groups (any ethnic nation without enough Christians to evangelize the rest of the nation) are 13.4 billion people or 42.2% of the world's population! "Unevangelized" people groups are about 11% of the world. Annual income of all church members is 42 trillion dollars (Evangelical Christians earn approximately 7 trillion dollars annually). They give about 700 billion dollars annually with about 45 billion dollars given for Christian causes, or about 6.4% of all funds. Here is a general breakdown of where the funds are used: 1) To local churches or Christian nations -96.8%; 2) For home missions -2.9%; 3) For missions to the unevangelized, non-Christian world -3%; 4) To reach the Unreached .001%.

Americans spend more money on Halloween costumes for their pets than the amount given to reach the Unreached!

There are about 5.5 million full time Christian workers in the world as follows: Workers to the reached world—4.19 million; Workers to the unevangelized—1.3 million; and to the unreached groups—only 20,500 workers. The majority of unreached people are Muslim, and there is only ONE Missionary for every 405,500 Muslims! There is definitely a need for more missionaries in the harvest fields!

Our schedule is filling up, but we still have openings. We are hoping to visit all our supporting churches while on furlough, and we're also visiting churches seeking new support. Over the course of the last few years, due to cost increases in non-ministry areas, there has been less available for ministry needs. When stopping at Baptist Mid-Missions home office on our way to Michigan, we reviewed our support estimate and recognized we are lacking about \$400/month in financial support. Would you pray with us and for us that God would supply this need?

PRAYER REQUESTS

- We have an urgent prayer request for one of our younger female workers in Chad. Marie Therese has been very sick, and it was determined she suffers from a serious heart condition that requires her to go to Ndjamena, the capital, for care. Still trying to get better details, but please pray for her health!
- One of co-worker's (Anna Beth Wivell with BI) has a male worker who also has been diagnosed with a serious heart issue. Please pray for his recovery also.
- Pray for traveling mercies for us as we visit churches. Our schedule can be found below...
- Pray for our health needs as we 'update'. Health physicals, dental and optical needs are and will be addressed while on furlough. Pray for finances in these areas also.
- Please pray for us as we look to the future needs and goals for ministry when we return to Chad.
- Pray for several other workers and friends in Chad with special prayer needs at this time.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

October 24..... Carol at ladies' Soup & Salad night at Good News Baptist Grand Rapids, MI 6:00 p.m.
October 27..... Camp Lake Baptist Church in Sparta, MI (Our home and sending church)
November 3..... First Baptist Church in Newaygo, MI missions conference
November 5..... Carol speaking to JOY ladies at FBC in Newaygo, MI at 10:30 a.m.
November 10..... Cedar Creek Bible in Delton, MI—all services
January 5..... Meddler campus 9:30 a.m. (Victory Baptist in Sand Lake, Mi) and Gowen Bible 11:30 a.m.
January 19..... Good News Baptist, Grand Rapids, MI—evening service
January 26..... Grace Tabernacle Baptist in Centerville, IA
February 16..... New Richmond Baptist in Holland, MI—all services
February 23..... Napier Parkview Baptist in Benton Harbor, MI—morning services
March 8..... Hico Baptist Church in Graham, NC—morning services
March 8..... Calvary Baptist of Lenoir County, Kinston, NC—evening service
March 15..... Faith Memorial Baptist in Danville, VA—evening service
March 22..... Riverside Community Church in Prospect, VA—morning services
March 29..... Sheets Memorial Baptist in Lexington, NC—evening service
April 5..... Eden Bible Church in Beulah, MI—morning service
April 19..... South Baptist Church in Saginaw, MI—morning service
April 26..... Faith Baptist Church in Brainerd, MN—morning services
May 17..... Jibson Immanuel Baptist in Ravenna, MI—all services

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