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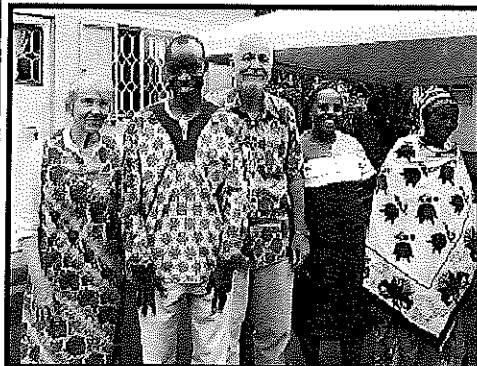
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"A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps."

Proverbs 16:9 NKJV

Greetings in His grace and love today! We realize that we are all in transition in these Covid-19 days and we hope that yours is manageable at this time. During our usual visit with you and the church this furlough, we had planned to sit down and talk with you about our future. Needless to say, Covid-19 (and now the riots) have changed our schedule (yours too, most likely!) so we're writing now to communicate our belief that it's time for us to be home and now based in the USA. We have no plans to retire from missions, nor from ministry at this time, but we want you to know about the upcoming changes in our lives and ministries. Of course, we

would appreciate your counsel, input, and prayers regarding all of this. Kappy is now 71. She is healthy but we feel it's best for her not to travel as much as we have in the past. It's time for her to settle into our home/office in a new location (at the time of this writing, we don't yet know where that will be! Finances and other considerations will factor in). Jim will be 66 in August 2020 and we hope and plan that he will continue in ministry with expected international travel to teach and preach, especially in pastoral training and church planting in Africa and to other places perhaps 4 or 5 times a year, as God allows.

Other future ministry possibilities that we foresee include:

- We would continue ministry in conjunction with the NGO (nongovernmental organization) we founded in 2015 and directed in Uganda until 2020. Mission East Africa (Uganda) has been handed over to Ugandan ministers who plan to continue it (post-Covid-19).
- We plan to continue our components focusing on evangelism and discipleship in the context of Pastoral Development, Church Planting, Street Kid Outreach, Children's Ministry, HIV+ Outreach, Prison Ministry, and Itinerant Preaching/Teaching (including Radio Sermons), Bible and Literature Distribution as God leads.
- There is present ministry continuing in Uganda in street kid work, scripture distribution and in Jim's radio sermons with Africa Bible University in Kampala which their station, Africa Bible College Radio, airs on Sunday mornings (Covid-19 has greatly affected the ministry in churches in Uganda which are temporarily closed like those here in the USA).
- We are currently sending funds to trusted African friends during this pandemic for food relief for pastors, their families, and needy others. We would like to continue this as long as needed and possible.
- We foresee further Bible distribution meetings, including Bible distributions coupled with pastoral development meetings.
- Jim also plans to take ministers from the USA or from African countries with him as he travels to African and other countries for teaching meetings as possible.
- Jim may possibly lead short-term teams.
- We plan a continued ministry focus on Muslim countries and unreached peoples in Africa and other areas of the world.
- Jim would continue the itinerant ministry and we would like to speak in the churches in America to encourage missions.
- Jim is considering a possible church planting and pastoral ministry in the USA (perhaps in the context of an African-American area or in an area with unreached Native Americans).
- We will continue a ministry focus on prayer. *(Continued on side 2...)*

Not retiring but re-firing, in God's plan!

We are seeking the Lord for clear guidance about all of this and, as we said at the beginning of this letter, we desire to **“re-fire, not retire”**. Our mission, CTEN (Commission To Every Nation), is in agreement with us about these plans and agrees with us that as we transition back to the USA we are also rebasing for continued ministry in the form the Lord shapes it to be. We have been told and hope that in the Lord’s plan this may well mean an expansion of our present ministry.

We appreciate your heart to help us for these many years and we understand that you (along with the rest of the world) may be experiencing difficulties from the Covid-19 pandemic (and now other distresses), but in writing to you we ask that you prayerfully consider continuing with us in this new phase of our work, as the Lord wills. What a great adventure it has been with you in the Lord’s service. We want to serve the Lord faithfully and trust that He will guide you in your prayer and decisions. If we reach a point in which we do not continue in our present ministries we will quickly inform you. **Please continue to pray for us and to give to our work as our Lord leads you.**

We would like to connect with you more fully by visits or by phone, as your schedules and ours permit. Again, we appreciate you, your church, and the work God has enabled us to do together. We trust that He has and will produce lasting fruit from our co-laborers for His glory! Please reply with your thoughts about this communication.

We hope to be able to visit you as soon as the Lord allows or talk with you on the phone!
Our number is: 779 212 2136

KAPPY’S CORNER—Re-entry

Watching the launch from Cape Canaveral broke the tension, at least it did for me. We cheered as the rocket left the launch pad at 2:20 pm in Florida and soared out of the atmosphere. Then the news went back to...well...tension.

What’s on the news doesn’t even look like America. When we left Uganda I thought we were leaving the riots and destruction behind. We’ve come back to disease and death, empty businesses with dusty parking lots, deserted church buildings, and now streets burning with violence. This is not the America we expected to come back to. But there is no place on earth to go where there is no trouble.

This morning as I was walking past Jim’s computer I saw something he’d saved from a friend’s posting. “Set your mind on things above.” At that moment it was just what I needed to see. I began to think about it. I always thought setting my mind on things above was imagining heaven and looking forward to glory. Today I realize it means setting my mind on the One who is above all earthly powers and all spiritual beings and looking to Him here and now. All glory to God who hears our prayers and works His purposes unfailingly!

Sincere love and thanks to you in our Lord Jesus Christ,

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