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Greetings Friends,

We don't have a lot of juicy news for you, although there are a couple of prayer items we would like to bring to your attention.

I have mentioned in the past that there have been extremist terrorists who have tried to forcefully enter Togo across the northern boarder. They have always been met with military resistance. Now it seems they have been able to infiltrate quietly into northern Togo and are causing problems. This is the message we received from one of the missionaries at Hope Radio:

"We are having more troublesome issues with security related to extremist terrorists that are hitting close to home. The latest attacks have happened within 20 miles of Mango and are targeting both people and the military. We haven't felt unsafe up until now, but these last few days have caused us to rethink some of our security measures and even hear the word "evacuation" mentioned only as a potential option. So, pray for us, our mission work, and our Togolese brothers and sisters."

Please pray with us regarding this situation. We were concerned for a while that I might not be able to travel to Togo because of this, however, it appears the coast is clear. Therefore I will be leaving October 13th to go to Togo, right after Sandi leaves to go to...I'll let her fill you in on that. Cue Sandi.

Greetings! I'll be participating in a medical, dental and vision missions trip flying out from Mpls./St. Paul airport at 5 AM on 10/11/24. I'll be returning to MPLS./ST Paul 10/20/24 @ 11:38 PM. To help the person picking me up from the airport due to Peter being in Togo, I'm using credit card points and staying in a hotel that night and getting home on Monday morning. I'm not able to sleep in and I don't want others losing beauty sleep on my behalf.

The end of August will be 5 1/2 months that I've taken off work to try to reset my sleep cycle, help w/Bible school, serve at Bible camp, care for plants at ACE Hardware and help people that have needed help. Every other Tuesday I've started serving at the Teamster's food shelf, which provides free food to Ukrainian refugees. I started my time off helping a friend from church pack up/clean for a move. Last Friday I helped a friend's mom sort through her office in preparation for moving. I enjoy organizing/decluttering spaces. While Peter and I served at Bible camp, the guys and girls were split up on Thurs. PM and we spoke w/the youth about preparing for dating. I've been asking the Lord to present more opportunities to talk to youth groups. Tomorrow I'll start in "Jerusalem," with our youth pastor and explain what we did and why. It was very interesting when I was talking w/our youth pastor, b/c he mentioned that a girl in the youth group had recently asked him if there was going to be a talk on dating and sex.

Due to needing time off in October for the trip to Guatemala, I won't start looking for a job until I return from the missions trip. I did have a phone interview last week with a company that is attempting to open a position that is 2 days/week where I could use my nursing skills. They don't have everything figured out yet, but said they would contact me when they did.

Thursday August 15th we returned from our Colorado vacation. Peter had Friday to roast coffee and we left late Saturday morning for New Glarus, WI to report to a supporting church that has supported us since 1998. I have not been able to travel w/Peter on his reporting trips due to needing to work, so it meant a lot to me to be able to meet the new pastor and meet old friends and new members/attenders. We are so thankful for our many supporters who have supported us not only while we served in Roatan, but also in the States, and thankful for those who have started to support us while we live in MN. Back to Peter.

Peter here, I am looking forward to leaving for Togo 10/13, I'll be returning 11/2. Prayer requests for the trip: calm (as in lack of terrorist activity in Togo), continued unity in the staff (both North American and Togolese), spiritual growth in the lives of people attending the village churches started because of the outreach of the radio station and safety in travel.

As always, we appreciate your prayers, we are greatly encourage to know you are praying for these ministries. We will keep you updated before we go and of course give a report regarding our respective trip.

In Christ,
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