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There is a keen awareness of world events these days, and the angels' expressed desire for "Peace on earth, goodwill among men" is more meaningful to all of us than in recent memory. Our hearts frequently turn to prayer for those in regions torn by war, and for those who have not yet heard the good tidings of great joy, that a Savior is born, and his name is Emmanuel, God with us.

We arrived in the US this summer, sad to say goodbye to dear friends among whom we ministered for so many years. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Rubio. The closing of Christiansen Academy has had a major effect on the community and the churches. Isabel and three of her family no longer have jobs, and there is little prospect for work in town. The local churches have lost a significant source of workers, both the missionaries and the students who were involved in ministry. We praise God that we are able to remain in contact with them through e-mail, and they have shared their ongoing faith and commitment to the Lord in difficult times, and the fact that His work continues to go forward without the missionaries. This is a source of joy to us, and a confirmation that the Lord is using our "redeployment" to strengthen his church and to spread the gospel according to His strategic plan.

Our redeployment still has us serving him in educational ministry. We will be based here in East Bridgewater for the time being. The mission has asked us to continue in our ministry as missionaries with TEAM. We are already launched into our new assignment, which is to complete my doctoral studies, and to serve as a consultant and resource for the mission as they encourage all missionaries to act on one of the mission's core values, lifelong learning. Please pray for Dave Broucek, TEAM's Director of Training and Research, Les Hirst, whose primary responsibility in this area is creating a "panoramic design" for training, and me as we work out the details of my assignment.

My doctoral research is focusing on lifelong learning, and my research assistantship at the university also focuses on professional development for teachers in a large public school system. Please pray that I will be able to study diligently and write effectively, giving a clear witness to the glory of God.

Shortly after you read this, I will be traveling to the International Christian Educators Convention in Quito, Ecuador, sponsored by the Association of Christian Schools, International. About 250 – 300 Christian educators from all over South America will meet for five days in January, for seminars, classes, worship and encouragement. Please pray for safety in travel and for effective networking in professional development among Christian educators.

Brief family update:

Kevin and Bridget

- Expecting our first grandchild in March
- Heading for Africa with AIM in September

Christopher

- Living with us
- Working for American Medical Response
- Working to transfer NY EMT credentials to MA

We greatly appreciate your interest and prayer support of our ministry, and those of you who make our continued service possible through financial support.

In Christ at Christmas,
Roger and Lois.

Do not neglect your gift, ... be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them...

(1 Timothy 4:14-15)

Grow in grace and knowledge...

(2 Peter 3:18)

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