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Summer is over, kids are back in school, and the rhythm of the year keeps moving forward.

We set the month of August aside specifically for the purpose of writing relentlessly on my dissertation. I am nearing completion of a draft of the last two chapters. I will meet with my advisor on September 8 to discuss the outline and draft and set up the schedule for this semester. My goal is to defend the dissertation during this semester. During June and July I was able to schedule all my interviews, actually the final one took place on August 12. I have all the transcripts completed, and the first round of "coding," which is the first step in the qualitative analysis of this case study.

We are also moving forward in the LifeLearner Network project. This summer we were able to distribute the first wave of the resources we have developed to help missionaries determine God's direction for their ministry by dedicating at least one day annually as a "Day of Prayer and Vision." The CD-ROM, packed with resources, ideas, and a guide for effective utilization, was offered to the almost 200 TEAM missionaries who gathered in Chiang Mai, Thailand for a Leadership Consultation. Already we are receiving responses from individuals around the world who are interested in going further, in joining the LifeLearner Network.

At the end of September I will be in Wheaton for several days, to continue work with the LifeLearner Project Development Team. Later this fall Lois and I will meet with Charlie Davis, our Executive Director, to reflect on the vision that we have for our future ministry with TEAM. Please pray for us as we seek the Lord's clarity regarding the shape this ministry will take, and the location from which He wants us to base our work.

I did have a brief interruption to my work a couple weeks ago. I woke up one morning with tightness in my chest, and Lois and I went to the emergency room of the local hospital. I was admitted for 24-hour observation and tests, all of which came back normal, and my heart was determined to be healthy. The doctors felt that the episode was likely due to stress, and encouraged me to take steps that would reduce the stress in my life. I continue to strive for healthy habits and greater reliance on God to maintain balance and effectiveness in this challenging stage of our ministry.

Thank you for continuing with us in prayer as we serve the Lord on your behalf.

Roger and Lois

Do not neglect your gift, ... Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

1 Timothy 4:14-15

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