



## **We have a lot of late breaking news to share with you today!**

Regarding our ministry with TEAM, the task force that I have been part of for the last three years has completed our job of designing an integrated training and professional development program for the mission. The core of the program is a new Centre for Lifelong Learning, which will bring together all of the new missionary orientation, cultural and linguistic acquisition, and leadership development functions throughout the mission. The Executive Director presented our program to the Executive Director's Council in December, and they met a week and a half ago to act on the plan. The Council approved the creation of the Center for Lifelong Learning, with a staff of four program coordinators. They have asked me to be one of those coordinators, primarily responsible for the LifeLearner Network. This role will be crucial in accomplishing TEAM's goals for 2005, one of which is the nurture and development of leadership in the various ministry areas around the world. This assignment will mean a move for us to the Home Office in Wheaton, from where I would travel worldwide to mentor our missionaries into the program. In order to do this, we need to get our support level back up to 100% as soon as possible.

Our Regional Director would like us to be in place as soon as late May, and they want me to start working full time from home as soon as my doctoral defense is over. I will begin working to set up our learning network and training our study group facilitators right away. We have one study group already working, consisting of a dozen missionaries from Germany, France, and Hungary, as well as some in the US on deputation, studying how to communicate the gospel to postmodern Europeans. The next study groups will be focused on leadership development.

Regarding my studies at the University, I have come to the final step in the program. Today, I set the date for my dissertation defense at the Graduate School of Education. My defense hearing is scheduled for 9:00 AM on Monday, March 7. I would greatly appreciate your prayer as I prepare for my presentations that day, and as we prepare to take this next step in our ministry path.

Thank you so very much for your interest, thoughts and prayers through this time of study, continued work with the Mission, and the period of transition. The Lord's hand has been very obvious all along the way. (As usual, it is more easily discernible in hindsight!)

With grateful hearts,  
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