



## Thanksgiving, 2010



As the temperatures fall like leaves, and the skies darken earlier each day, we are reminded that gratitude is not tied to merely external circumstances. We are grateful to God for much more than what He provides. We are privileged to experience HIM, and that is far more significant than the many wonderful gifts He gives. Our goal is to focus more on Him while acknowledging our deep gratitude for what He has given us.

You are certainly a huge part of God's impact on our lives, and we want to thank you for responding to Him in order to partner with us in extending His kingdom around the world. We thank God for you, and we thank you for your faithful encouragement in our work.

I (Roger) continue to love what I am doing in the Centre for Lifelong Learning (CLL) at TEAM. Beth, Bob and I continue to provide orientation for new missionaries, and ongoing development for veteran workers around the world. This year, the Centre designed, developed and presented a new curriculum at the REAP conference for TEAM missionaries who are on Home Assignment, a week-long seminar on coaching as a discipleship tool.



As I write this letter, TEAM is deploying a new two-year mentored opportunity for short term ministry called TEAMTrek. The approach is designed to be developmental and incremental, preparing the "trekker" for effective long-term ministry through practical, field-based experience guided by a veteran missionary as coach. The first two trekkers were in Wheaton for a week of CLL-led orientation just two weeks ago, and in early 2011 we (the Centre staff) will be heading for Japan for focused preparation of the receiving TEAMTrek coaches. I continue to work on our web-based tools for lifelong learning, although most of my energy has been directed toward online security concerns, as our site was hacked and our e-mail address pirated by some spam engines. This continues to be a steep learning curve for me, as well as a time drain.



This brief list needs to include the joy of ministry among our church family, Riverside Community Church. We partner with Dick and Pat to lead a home Bible study, Roger serves as an elder, and Lois serves on the Benevolence committee. Walt and Jane (our pastor and wife) are special encouragement to us. Walt is a careful expositor, faithfully challenging us to apply the Word to life. Their friendship and our shared inter-cultural experience are a blessing that we could not have anticipated, but just like the Lord to give in extravagant abundance.

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Lois has been challenged in her work as a Certified Wound Specialist. In addition to successfully mastering today's medical advances in woundcare, she is becoming proficient at the complexity of documentation for government healthcare compliance and the ever-changing details of computer-based business processes.

We were blessed to have some neat family times this year, as well. A birthday surprise for Savannah in March, an extended visit from Chris, Naomi, Kevin, Bridget and kids Savannah, Caleb, and Malachi in Illinois this summer, a Luce family reunion at David and BJ's home in Rhode Island (Mom, Herb; David, Roger, Debbie, and many kids and grandkids), a baby "un-shower" for one of Lois' nieces; and Mom and Herb will be at our home for a week at Thanksgiving.



Mom and Herb enjoy Savannah, Caleb, and Malachi



Why do David, Roger, and Debbie still end up doing dishes?



You, too, have been a vital part of our life and ministry this past year. We thank our God every time we remember you. Thank you for the joy of serving the Lord on your behalf.

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