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Mission Minutes

"We're asking God for a gospel movement among all least-reached people in the Europe/Mediterranean Region."

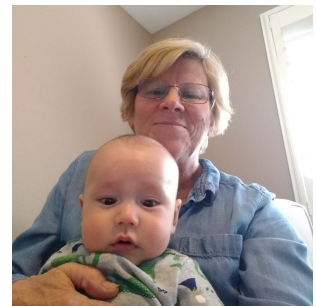


**"...There will be heard once more
the sounds of joy and gladness...**

**"...and the voices of those who bring thank
offerings to the house of the Lord, saying,
'Give thanks to the Lord Almighty, for the
Lord is good; His love endures forever.'"**

Jeremiah 33:10-11

In recent days my mind has recalled the events of one year ago. I had just returned to our daughter's family's home in New York. Carol was in Phoenix helping John & Kefei with their baby, Declan. My plan was to pack a bag and head off for an 8 week tour of the Midwest; speaking at churches, gathering with missions committees, sharing with new and old friends about our ministry in Europe, and our hope to return there in the autumn. Of course, Covid-19 was in the news, but we'd heard things like this before...Nothing to worry about, right?



Suddenly everything changed. Flights were cancelled, churches closed, schools, restaurants and stores shut their doors. Patience was tested. Jobs (*and toilet paper!*) disappeared. Mixed messages spread faster than the virus. The only thing consistent was uncertainty. Hope sometimes wavered. People died by the thousands. Fear crept in, and had to be battled back by faith in the God Who is in control of all things.

I've also been reminded in the past few days of the goodness of God. He sustained us through the virus at Christmas time. The delay in our return to Europe has allowed us to support two of our children and their families, and most recently, my mother, as she recovers from hip replacement surgery and a subsequent fall that fractured her femur.





Many I have spoken with have similar stories. We've all faced challenges emotionally, financially, physically and spiritually, but the goodness and faithfulness of God has been demonstrated again and again. There've been opportunities to serve, and be served. Our priorities have been realigned. We've been reminded that worship isn't about elaborate buildings and flashy productions, but about recognizing who God is, and responding in wonder, humility and praise.

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In the prophecy of Jeremiah quoted above, God warns of terrible times that were coming upon the people of Israel. But there is also a promise of hope; God will restore His people, sounds of joy will be heard once more, and there will be praise to God as His people bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord.

As the people of God come out of difficult times, their called to worship and praise the Lord, bringing thank offerings to Him. ***With the US Government beginning to send out stimulus checks this week, would you consider giving a tithe of that blessing to God as a testimony of praise, an act of worship, and a statement of faith?***

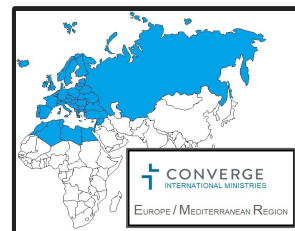
We're not asking this for us! Here are two opportunities to give that will support ministries among least reached peoples in our region:



Ashraf Ibrahim is headed to Egypt on April 7, and part of his service there will be the supply of oxygen concentrators and pulse oximeters to measure blood oxygen levels. One oxygen concentrator costs approximately \$2,500. and one oximeter costs about \$30. If God leads you to help provide these medical provisions for Egypt, visit this link: [Donate to Egypt.](#)



A second opportunity is more broad in its scope. **The Europe & Mediterranean Region** of Converge has set up a fund to support our efforts to reach least reached people across Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. By giving to this fund you support workers, staff members and projects across the region. You can give at this link: [Donate to the Euro Med Region.](#)



If you choose to give to one of these ministry opportunities, or give to another ministry or your local church, we encourage you to take a moment to reflect on God's faithfulness over this past year of Global Pandemic, and bring a thanks offering to Him, "for He is good, and His love endures forever."

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Ashraf, and his trip to Egypt - for safety, health and favor.
- Pray that we will provide effective support of our partners across the region.
- That God will raise up a pastor/couple to join us in the Szczecin work.
- For our financial need to be met.

Love & prayers as we journey together,

Bob & Carol

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