

Missionary Letters – March 13, 2024

Doug & Lisa Orner – March 7, 2024

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

It has awhile since we last wrote. It's hard to put into words, which we are not that good at, how our lives have changed since leaving Africa, after 38 years of living there, and moving to the States. It's been just over a year in which we have been settling into a new home and ministry. We LOVE being the caregivers here at A.I.M. Retirement Center. We love our residents and helping them in any way we can. This is such a special place where our community have spent most of their lives in missionary service. Many have moved here for their retirement years, but that doesn't mean they have stopped serving the Lord. Everyone here is involved in their churches and many stay in close touch with their national and missionary friends they served with who are still serving in an African country. We are blessed with technology that enables us to keep in touch with friends overseas.



The hard part of our ministry here are the times we must say, "See you later" when our residents go before us into eternity with Jesus. We have had quite a few this past year. But just now we are grieving the loss of Doug's dear mom, Gloria Orner. We were blessed to live down the hall from Mom Orner this past year. We never thought we would get the blessing of living near one of our parents ever again! Mom was 92 years old. Even though her strength in body was weak, she still encouraged us and many others through her prayers, her listening ear, and little notes she wrote to so many. We will miss her, but we know that she is with her Savior. We are sad yet rejoice that she is no longer in pain and is whole and now walking face to face with her Creator and Savior. We have the sure hope of heaven!

Another event that we experienced during the month of February was a trip to Madagascar to visit our son Steve and Bekah and our sweet grandchildren! Daniel went with us too,! What a joy filled couple of weeks being together and seeing their ministry there in Nosy Mitsio! We were so grateful how God supplied for us to go!



Thank you for your continued prayers and support! We have walked this missionary journey with some of you for almost 39 years now. What a joy in serving Jesus and being fellow workers together.

With love, Doug and Lisa Orner

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March 11, 2024

Dear Prayer Partner,

Thank you for your prayers. We are seeing God at work in many ways, and we recognize that your prayerful support is essential for this ministry to continue and be effective.

### ***MOVING PRAISE***

The move is complete. Our first day to be in our condo was February 14. Once again, we had a terrific team of young men to help us move the stuff from storage on 2/10 and when the reno was done on the condo our son-in-law, Chad Johnson, and three of our grandsons helped us move from the studio apartment to the condo. Thank you for praying for this entire transition from beginning to end. We are grateful for your prayers and the way God has blessed in all of it.

### ***MORE PRAISE***

Sunday, February 25, Grace Bible Church of Tremonton initiated their charter membership (pictured with Pastor Jaramie



Fellows). We were there to encourage and assist with the financial part of their first congregational meeting with church members.

The BMW Utah Field Conference last week was a great blessing with good messages and instruction. We had the privilege of being "tour guides" the next day for two of our home office staff introducing them to the area needs and opportunities. That was followed by a great 25<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration Sunday at Fellowship Bible Church in Eden, a graduated church started by Dominic and Elaine Gonino.

### ***PLEASE PRAY FOR***

- *Wisdom in our ongoing ministry to missionaries.*
- *Our trip to southern Utah, March 17-20 where we will be meeting with missionaries and Steve will fill the pulpit at Richfield Bible Church.*
- *Two missionary families dealing with very difficult situations. In both cases there has been positive progress since last month but please continue to pray.*
- *Opportunities to share Christ with our new neighbors.*

May God encourage your hearts as you pray and richly bless you!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Steve and Laurie*

Steve and Laurie Barsuhn

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March 7, 2024

Dear Mission Possible Supporters.

We can't thank you enough for the positive comments we receive, words of encouragement and prayers offered up to our Savior for our Mission Possible Ministry.

Would you all please be in prayer for us as we gather this Saturday at the storefront church at 229 S. Division Ave in Grand Rapids. Our team arrives early to carry in bins of clothing, food, personal items, sleeping bags and blankets. Bob Losch will share a scripture reading and we pray for our morning. We then allow a few people in at a time or our room gets very crowded. Although we're there to bless them and share the greatest news ever, we also are blessed by our homeless/visitors with their sharing of their trials and hopes. We are all in the school of being good listeners. Sometimes it's with joy and other times it's very difficult. But God is in control.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Volunteer Joe W. asks prayer for Armando and Idaliz who have heard the gospel and are seriously considering it.
- Also pray for James who saved money for a plane ticket and two fares to get to Ocala, FL where he has a place to stay and a job. He had been staying at Mel Trotter. A volunteer drove him to the airport.
- Volunteer Bruce shared that of those who hear the gospel, some are believers. Continue to pray for those still searching. Also pray for Beth who would like her own place to live.
- Volunteer Joe D. prayed with Carlos who needs Christ and a transgender man who calls himself Janet now. Janet was very quiet, almost scared how he (she) would be treated but we welcomed him (her) and shared Christ.
- Pray for David from Africa. His wife and children are in Dallas, TX. Pray God will watch over all of them.
- Please pray for Carolyn Losch who heads up Mission Possible with her husband Bob. She recently had dental work done, is experiencing severe pain and taking an antibiotic to prevent infection. We'll miss her on Saturday as she rests at home.

#### PRAISES

- We're grateful for 52 people who stopped by on February 24. Nineteen were first timers.
- We're thankful for all the individuals who contribute towards our ministry whether with financial gifts and items we can use.
- Praise for the homeless who deeply appreciate our outreach and will say, "Thank you" and "God bless you" as they head out our door.

With March 17, St Patrick's Day approaching, here is an Irish Blessing.

✿✿ May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields. And, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. ✿✿

May God bless all our readers for the support you give our Mission Possible team.  
Joe and Susan DeKock

Proverbs 19:17 "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what he has done." NIV

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