

E & A Newsletter 190128

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Dear prayer partners, families and friends,

Warm greetings in Christ from Guadeloupe!

Time flies! The Chinese New Year is just around the corner - we wish all our Chinese friends a wonderful and blessed Lunar New Year!

Journey with our Almighty Lord.....(2 Corinthians 12:9a)

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

How time flies! By God’s Grace, it is almost time to conclude our two-year commitment serving in the three French overseas islands - Martinique, Guadeloupe and St. Martin in the Caribbean Sun Region.

We will be returning to Canada on Feb 19, 2019 and will have 3 months Home Assignment. Our overseas ministries will officially conclude after 3 months of HA. We then will officially retire with a grateful and joyful heart!

Reflecting on the past years.....(Zechariah 4:6)

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty.”

Time really has flown so fast! Looking back the past years since 2002-2019, we have never dreamt of serving overseas as IWs. Yet, it’s all by God’s Grace, we were able to take an early retirement in 2002 from our work place. In 2003 we were simply submissive to the Lord’s calling. In 2004 we joined the “Second Mile Program” of C&MA. In 2005 we were sent to our first mission field, UAE in Arabian Peninsula to serve till 2009 as self-funded IWs. After one year home assignment, in 2011 we were redeployed to Vietnam as partially funded IWs to serve till 2014. Then after 6 months HA, in 2015 we were invited to serve as voluntary pastors in NTCAC serving in the Global Missions Department till 2017. Again by God’s grace, in 2017 February we have been called by the Lord serving overseas in the French overseas islands in Caribbean region for another two years till 2019.

Fruitful missions journeys by His grace.....(Psalm 127:1)

“Unless the LORD builds the house, it’s builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.”

Praise the Lord who has been leading us step by step to fulfil our missions journeys in such incredible and tangible ways! As amongst the Five “S” of C&MA, we have already served in three “S” regions from 2005-2019.

- 1) serving the UAE of AP in the “Silk” Region (2005-2009)
- 2) serving Vietnam in the “Spice” Region (2011-2014)
- 3) serving the French overseas islands in Caribbean “Sun” Region (2017-2019)

The Lord’s grace and blessings are far beyond our imaginations!

Counting the Lord’s blessings.....(2 Corinthians 4: 1, 7, 8)

“Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry we do not lose heart.”

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but do not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair.”

We are very grateful for the Lord has widened our eyes and minds during the ministry journeys in all these past years. Despite the changes of lifestyle and from time to time facing the bitterness, the tears, the various challenges big and small in the mission fields, we kept experiencing His abundant grace, mercy, protection, provision and unfailing love. Most importantly we experienced a closer relationship personally with our Lord. To serve in the different mission fields had truly been a much blessed life journey to us. What a privilege to us, the undeserved ones! These past years of serving overseas walking with God is absolutely the Highlights in our lives!

Heartfelt thanks to you all.....(Philippians 1: 3 & 5)

“I thank my God every time I remember you because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, including all our RDs of the different regions, team leaders and GM members as well as CCACA for all your wonderful leadership, loving care and support during all these past years. Also big thanks to all of our supporting churches, all faithful prayer warriors, all dear brothers and sisters in Christ and our beloved families. For you always uplift us in prayers and continuous walking alongside with us throughout these past years so humbly and supportively in many ways. Especially your faithful prayers support as well as your generous financial support as to advance the Kingdom work. And we could never have lasted this long without your partnership! You all have absolutely been a part of it with us to make this fruitful missions journey together for the Lord’s glory!

Our special thanks to you.....(2 Corinthians 9:8)

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”.

Last but not least, we want to share with you with a thankful heart~

As the Guadeloupe CAC has recently purchased a place of worship with God’s grace. They are in need of funds to renovate and outfit the Church. Therefore, we have donated a certain amount of funding from our “Work Special” account which you have donated to support our ministry. We have been so blessed by the Lord through you, and now we are able to be the blessings to the church in this part of the world. It’s all because of your love and generosity, we are able to expand His Kingdom together for the Lord’s glory! We pray that the generosity and kindness you have shown us be returned to you 10 times over! Praise be to the Lord!

Homeward bound.....(Ecclesiastes 3:11a)

“He has made everything beautiful in its time”.

We have been serving in Guadeloupe since Dec 7 and will be back to Martinique on Jan 31. During our stay in Guadeloupe, we have conducted a series of “Caring and Bible Study Small Group Leadership” training. We are thankful that their board of deacons has decided to form 3 small groups in different areas in the island. We pray that this would help the church grow in quality and quantity.

We then would be busy on wrapping up - packing, shipping, bidding goodbye.....getting ready to head home on Feb 19.

It’s always awesome to be home. We look forward prayerfully to our next chapter - our official retirement which would allow us to have more quality time with families, especially with our 3 loving grandkids. We pray that the Lord would grant us good health and keep being salt and light in the rest of our lives. May all the glory be to the Lord!

Thanks again for your faithfulness and willingness in walking alongside all our missions journeys. We sincerely value your ongoing friendship in Christ and care in our lives!

May the Lord's blessings shower upon you and your families abundantly in all ways!!

Our praise and thanksgiving:

- being able to finish well
- fruitful overseas missions journeys from 2005-2019
- like-minded, faithful, supportive, loving care and such true friends like you
- a sweet family with wonderful children & grandchildren
- good health and opportunities to serve
- God's protection, provision, grace and mercy upon us in all these past years

Please pray for:

- both Martinique & Guadeloupe Church all the trained small group leaders would live a "Christ centred" life and lead the church to be "Mission focused"
- energy to pack and smooth shipping
- good adjustment to the very cold weather and the lifestyle in Toronto
- for safe travelling and God-honouring sharing as we need to share in different places after returning home
- faithful and joyful home assignment
- keeping good health to shine for Him
- The Lord's grace and protection in all ways upon our families

With love & prayers,
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