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Dear friends,

There is much happening in our lives at this time. Please bear with this longer than usual news update.

DENTAL TRAINING FOR MISSIONS

Oaxaca Mexico 2014

This year's trip to southern Mexico went very well. This was a field trip with students we had trained in the fall with *To Every Tribe Mission* in Los Fresnos, Texas. We traveled to a very remote mountain village just over a mountain ridge from the Pacific Ocean. The purpose of this trip was to give our students practical clinical experience. This builds their confidence for future dental ministry in the developing world.

This mission trip coincided with the recent release of the New Testament translated in the native dialect of this local area by SIL translators. Members of our team were thrilled to witness the joy of people hearing the Scriptures spoken in their native tongue for the first time.

There were a total of eight mission students trained in this year's class.

FYI: Are Root Canals Safe?

In the last year I have come across a book titled: "Root Canal Cover-Up" and other on-line writers claiming the same. I've had three people recently asking me about root canals: my daughter, son-in-law, and a friend, whom all had serious dental issues. They asked about the safety of root canals. This is a very common dental treatment and I thought I would pass on to you what I shared with them:

The information published by Dr. Weston Price, the authority of Dr. Meinig's book mentioned above, is extremely outdated (by 90 years). I don't believe for a moment there's a "cover-up." That accusation alone is enough to discredit the book in my view. I know far too many dentists, some who are dear friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord, to entertain that idea.

Endodontics is a sound modality in treating teeth with serious pulp disease when performed correctly, preferably by an endodontist. It is certainly preferred over an extraction. For more details, see:

www.rootcanaltruth.com

Oklahoma Dental Class

It was a privilege to teach my sixth dental class at the Institute of Biblical Community Development.



See brochure or www.ibcd.net.

I was joined with Dr. Paul Yii, from Maryland. We had a mix of short term and full-time missionaries—eight in all. They did well and were excited and thankful for the training.

I spent considerable time getting to know Mark Neafie, a full-time missionary in Baja Mexico. He is very willing to host our dental students so they can do their practical field training in the

communities he serves. Jason and Megan have made plans to take their first official dental training class to the Baja next month, after their lab phase in Seattle.

New DTFM Dental Trainers!



Luke and Chantée Fisher visited us in Texas to give us a detailed report of their five month mission experience in the Congo. Luke is one of my missionary trainees from 2009. He also received further training with me in Honduras in 2011. He spends five months a year in Africa, and works on his Oklahoma farm the rest of the year. He and Chantée are both registered nurses and also work part-time at a local hospital.

I asked Luke some time ago if they might pray about joining our dental ministry as volunteers. He and Chantée did so and feel the Lord leading them to serve with us. Thank you Lord! I'm also thrilled with their progress as dental trainers. See their newsletter.

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During their visit, they joined me on a clinic to have more time to interact and learn. It was fascinating that our first patient had the exact tooth problem they had questions about the previous evening. Here it was in real life! I also gave them an overview of a two-day seminar I had attended on a more advanced technique in dental extractions. Luke was eager to learn since he had started doing extractions in the field.

Jason and Megan Padvorac: I spoke about Jason in my last letter. He was one of my most motivated students ever. After he took our dental class with TETM, Jason, Megan and their baby, traveled to Thailand to care for refugee children on the Thai-Burma border. He emailed me a few times with some questions, and faced every challenge with courage and faith.

More recently, Jason and Megan traveled to Oklahoma to assist me in that class and to discuss the future. I'm thrilled about this couple. Jason is a bio-engineer by profession and Megan has her doctorate in philosophy, having served as an adjunct university professor. Jason and Megan, along with Luke and Chantée, are now officially part of our volunteer dental training staff.



DTFM Accreditation and Ministry Planning Session

While at IBCD, Jason, Megan, Luke, Chantée and I visited with Dr. Paul Yii and Dr. Young-Gurl Kim to discuss our collaboration and association with IBCD. Dr. Kim invited our mission to unite with IBCD under their academic umbrella. He is working on full accreditation for all their courses, including the dental component. John Brown University presently awards college credit to JBU students taking our dental class through IBCD.

Also, Jason, Megan and I discussed our vision for the future of this mission. It was an exciting time for me as I have been praying for pioneering visionaries to come on board with us in this ministry.

DTFM Dental Research Project

Jason came across a little known treatment for teeth that seems very promising and has documented proven results by Japanese researchers in the Journal of LSTR Therapy, VOL 7: 1-5, 2008. It is claimed that this treatment prevents the need for dental extractions and root-canals in most infected and painful teeth. Dr. Paul, myself, Jason and Luke decided that we, as a dental mission, should test this treatment for ourselves in the field.

HOPE BEYOND HELL MINISTRY

My first book, *Hope Beyond Hell*, has helped many people experience a deeper love of God and man. Inspired by this, I felt compelled to write a shorter and simpler version—one with the potential to reach a much larger audience. It is now in the proofing stage. I would appreciate your prayers.

Arizona

Denise and I drove to Phoenix in May to visit Jonathan and Lynda Mitchell. Jonathan is a Bible translator whom we greatly respect and appreciate. He first published his New Testament in 2010 which he has worked on for 26 years. I very much appreciate his insights in the Scriptures. He has agreed to partner with me in addressing theological questions that arise related to the original Greek. I receive many emails from readers with questions. We enjoyed getting to know them and were very encouraged and inspired in our faith.

The Mitchells also took us to see the Grand Canyon which Denise has wanted to see since we've been married. What a thrill to see the expression on her face as she saw this awesome wonder for the first time!



Thank you

We appreciate that you have taken the time to read our news. Thank you for your prayers and support. “Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.” 2 Thessalonians 2:16

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Family News

We are so happy to announce the birth of our first grandson!



Ezra Gerard Theodorus Groot was born June 18th to Azarja and Renee in South Africa. He is a beautiful healthy boy weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz. and 21 inches long. Renee and Azarja opted for a home water birth and we are very thankful that all went well. Elliora and Esther are enjoying having a baby around. Esther said the best part is they get to keep him. 😊



Anna and Dave are expecting again!



The baby is due December 24th. Please pray that all will go well with this pregnancy. You may remember Jordan was born 6 weeks early last year. Anna is hoping and praying that this little one will arrive on schedule. It's hard to believe Jordan's going to be a big sister when she's still so little herself.



No announcements regarding Nicole and Paul. They are doing well with their jobs. Nicole may be going back to school in the fall. She wants to learn graphic design. They also hope to start a family soon.

After his school in Oklahoma, Gerry visited with Anna and Jordan for a few days. What a fun time for Pepere and granddaughter! And he was good company for Anna in the evenings since Dave was away on business. Oh the blessing of family and memory making moments!



Thank you for your prayers. As you may recall, I had a positive response to the clinical trial protocol from NIH. I was taken off all drugs. After several months my blood counts dropped below the acceptable level. In April, I was put back on cyclosporine. I returned to NIH in May for my yearly evaluation. This included a bone marrow biopsy. Praise the Lord it showed there were no abnormal cells, meaning no signs of cancer developing. This is a great answer to prayer. My platelets have been going up and just today have made it into the normal range! Praise the Lord! Your prayers are a great blessing. They give me peace, hope and strength.