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Dear Family and friends,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Its hard to believe it will soon be Christmas and we're heading into the New Year!

As we look back on this last year, we are so thankful for so many blessing and yet, so much on our hearts to be praying and interceding for around the world.

We recently returned from SE Asia where we were consulting with our church planting teams. It was a good time of encouragement, some guidance and just time to really pray and minister to them spiritually during some tough and challenging circumstances. Please pray with us as they share truth and for opportunities to deeply share scripture.

One of the real challenges in working in closed countries is being able to live and work in places where traditional missionaries can't live to share Christ. Because we need to be invited by the Government of the country to



We had a wonderful surprise last week when a couple from our fellowship in **Siberia** showed up on a Sunday in



Sarasota at our church! We had heard that they were trying to leave their home country and made the journey and got help for asylum here.

We knew them as new, young believers before they were married. They are a vibrant couple who love the Lord and have a 9 year old son. She shared as she sat in the fellowship that sent us out to her people, she just sat and cried, thanking the Lord!

So now, they are starting over, not sure of their future. As we sat and talked about their experiences and reminisced of 'old times', they commented on "how we would have never met or even gotten here if you had never come to Siberia in the first place." We never know what the future holds, but we know the One who does and how paths will cross again and relationships renewed or how He uses all things for His glory and our good. Please pray for this family as they face new adjustments and future here.

stay **long term**, we always are seeking ways to stay so that we can live among the people of the country and build and deepen relationships with the local people. This can be done by providing real life changing help **physically** through helping **farmers** find **markets** for their **crops**, but more **importantly spiritually** as well by **learning** their **language** and **culture** and **sharing** the amazing news of the **Creator God** who came to earth and gave them life through **Jesus Christ**. This building being built (in the photo above), is a **mill** that will allow us to **process coffee** and give us access to the people of this province. It's a lot of work but God continues to open doors. (And the coffee is really good as well).

Please continue to pray for those that are so drastically impacted by the war in Ukraine. It is tragic what is happening to the Ukrainians through this war but it is also horrible for those that are being sent to war with no desire to fight.

These are just a few examples of messages we received in the past two days from friends, pastors, and relatives in minority groups in North Asia. All of them are affected by the current crisis. They have been against the conflict from the outset and were ready to proclaim that in the public square. Now with the call-up of reservists, it has taken an unforeseen turn.

The draft disproportionately targets minority groups and marginalized people. They are forcibly taken from towns and villages all across Siberia, and forced to become part of the army attacking a country they do not want to fight. The only choice for many is to become a refugee and flee, leaving everything behind. Text Received Friday at 10:32pm

“...We sat at the border for 12 hours waiting to cross. We packed everything we could: toys for the girls, propane gas to cook, and canned meat. We are planning to live in the car because we probably don't have enough to pay rent. I completely forgot the school books for the kids. I don't know how I could not think of that...”

Written by a Mom with three daughters

Most of the pastors are staying and watching as young men are being taken off to fight and many do not return.

“It is a very difficult time. Please let people know a big thank you for your love and prayers. We are in great need of them.”

“We will stay, we realize we are not sure what this will mean for us. Some of us will be sent to jail and when we left our last meeting we realized that we might not see one another again on this earth.”

Written by one of our Pastors who is staying and leading some of the congregations among the Buryat People.

A sobering thing happened while we were in this SE Asian country. A local believing pastor was tortured and killed for his faith in Jesus Christ, leaving behind his wife and 8 children. He was being asked to share information on another pastor in the area. This has certainly shaken things up.

Please pray for the few believers in this country and for their protection.

This new year brings some exciting changes! Our organization is celebrating its 15th year. But more importantly we will be sending new missionaries into a couple of new countries for GSI in Central Asia. The families will soon be arriving. Please pray for wisdom for us and for these new works starting! It is exciting to see the works expand and we pray and trust that doors will stay open and the Lord will guide us into these needy regions.

We recently visited Radius in Mexico, the missions training school, and thankful to get to know many students there! There is much interest in joining GSI, so once the holidays hit, we'll be accepting new applications!

This spring we are happy to finally host a conference for all of our workers in Asia. It's been about 3 years since we have been able to plan one that most all can attend. We expect a large turn out-and everyone is excited to be able to reconnect and see each other. We trust it will be a time of spiritual encouragement and growth for everyone.

Eric is doing well and finishing up at Florida State University and Dylan and Natalie are now based at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, CO! We look forward to seeing them at Christmas!

We wish you and your family a very blessed and special Christmas and His blessings to you in the New Year! Thank you for standing with us in the ministry!

Until all have heard, **Love in Him Greg and Julieann**



Julieann and I we were speaking out west at some churches in California, we had been sharing about the work with the deaf, and how much we missed them, and just working with deaf people in general.

While out one evening, we happened to sit next to a few people who were speaking sign language, and one in the group was hard of hearing, so could speak as well. After watching them for awhile, and listening to them share their struggles and difficulties of being deaf in society, we introduced ourselves and explained that we know Russian sign language and worked with deaf there.

They were so surprised and visibly moved to hear about the deaf and their stories. Although sign is different in English, the bond of understanding them a bit, truly built a bridge. The young man in the photo is actually originally from Serbia and is an actor. You never know where you can run into people and make connections in different places!

Please continue to pray for the deaf in Siberia and their outreach.