

Dear Praying Friends,

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Ken and I appreciate all of you who faithfully pray for and support us. This summer's trip out west reminded us how God has given each of you a mission field wherever He places you. In 16 days of driving, we spent weekends at Majestic Baptist (CO) and Elmira Baptist (No.Cal.). In between, we visited individuals in So.Cal., Ken's original sending church area where he was ordained to preach; many of the folks he knew best there have passed away or go to different churches closer to their kids. For those we missed seeing, please know you are appreciated too! We packed as much as we could into a short time, having left a teen home with adult siblings.

Praises!	Prayer Requests:
Overseas missions – The entire village showed up to listen when the Uriai people (in Papua New Guinea's Sepik region) finally began hearing the Bible taught in their own language on August 11 th . 20 years ago Ken helped the original church-planting team members move in among them.	Overseas missions -- Pray that many Uriai would understand the Gospel and turn to Christ. Jason Czidziel (sounds like "cheez-jel") will be teaching 2x/wk for months, from Creation to Christ. Pray for health and safety for him, wife Laken and their four kids. Mosquito-borne illnesses and local disputes slowed this church plant's progress in the past.
Ethnos360 Bible Institute -- The Bible school's application for accreditation has finally been submitted to TRACS, and 112 freshman students enrolled this fall. A "capital improvements" campaign is off to a good start, with support from both alumni and the community.	Ethnos360 Bible Institute -- Pray for funding to get the elevators replaced (part 2 of the school's "capital campaign"); the property is a Wisconsin historical site and maintenance on its pair of antique "lifts" gets more expensive every year. -- Pray for good relationships with the ten freshman that meet in our home twice a month, and with recent grads interning in both of our departments.
Personal ministry -- Unexpected gifts covered the cost of this summer's trip to update supporting churches in CO and CA. Our little Sentra did great across the Rockies, and the minivan was reliable for our daughter's summer job while we were gone. After she went back to college, the van's transmission reached the end of its life, which seemed like a good time to lower expenses by dropping to one car.	Personal ministry -- Pray for wisdom and provision with our finances. 2024 saw several supporters pass away and medical insurance premiums jump \$150 per month (going from \$1200 to now \$1350/mo for the family plan rate). We work side jobs as our responsibilities at the Bible college allow but have reached the limit of being able to cover these rising costs ourselves. We desire to continue serving with Ethnos360 until retirement.
Our family -- We have finally settled at a local church here in Wisconsin that "feels like home" and are starting to make connections with people there.	Our family -- Samuel tore the ACL in his right knee and will have surgery November 14 th . Pray he would stay open to whatever God has for his future plans after high school.

The new school year at Ethnos360 Bible Institute in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where we currently serve, started in August with departmental trainings and setup for nearly 200 students. Ten of this year's 112 freshman meet in our home twice a month for "small group chapel" where we

"And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." - Galatians 6:9

take turns sharing testimonies, praying for each other, and having the occasional fun event. It is all part of the relationship-building that makes this campus special.

Ken works full-time with a small team of recent graduates and fellow missionaries to keep buildings and grounds in good repair. While he misses former opportunities to teach in Prison Ministry and church classes, he finds he has less energy after work for additional commitments now that he is in his early 60s.

Andrea works part-time overseeing the student/staff childcare co-op on campus. It has 11 kids this year, ages 12mo. through almost 4yrs. She problem-solves as issues come up, subs when ladies call in sick, purchases supplies, and facilitates monthly team meetings. Staff moms each take a morning to be in with our recent graduates interning in Early Childhood.

We have some odd jobs too which double as community connections. Originally we had hoped they would help us save for future goals, but realistically we are just keeping pace with rising costs. Andrea subs as a school aide when her schedule at the Bible college allows, and Ken has a Saturday cleaning job. As missionaries with Ethnos360, we raise our own support for salary and ministry expenses to serve here at their Bible Institute. It is an ongoing need that we do not always mention, but every \$25 per month helps. Our support level needs should drop in four years when Ken becomes eligible for Medicare instead of our current family medical plan.

For those that prefer designating gifts for one-time projects, there are a couple bigger items that if covered would free up monthly income for other things. 1) Ken had periodontal work done in the 1990s that needed replacement; we have \$800 left to complete that project. 2) We would like to add a second vehicle when Samuel starts driving next school year; needs toward that would include \$3000 toward purchase costs. (FYI for our California friends, inexpensive vehicles older than 10 years tend to be unreliable purchases here in the upper midwest due to hidden rust damage caused by salted winter roads.) Samuel just applied for his first regular job, so he should be able to help with the extra monthly costs of a second vehicle by then.

It brings a lot of joy to see where former Bible school grads are today. We remember the family serving among the Uria (see prayer chart) as a young couple in Bible school before they had kids. Back in 2016 Andrea cared for “Jasmine” in the childcare dept; this year her family finished their first term overseas and stayed with us for several days while on home assignment before going back (pictured). And asian-american Alan McDole was one of our many “missionary kid” students; he and wife Jolie, a preschool teacher, are raising support to join us on staff here.



Until all have heard,

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