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# Shaw Update Jan 4, 2025

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## **Missions Committee**

2024 is over and what a year it was for us. We wanted to write earlier, but it was a full year. Marty flew 73 different flights (two were canceled so that it would have been 75). On average, that was 1.4 flights per week. Most of our travels were outside of North America, with the longest flight being 13+hours. Then, there were evacuations (several), wars, and other exciting events throughout the 12 months. Thank you for your prayers.

Denise continued to work in the Home Office serving as the Alumni Coordinator. Being a part of our many alumni lives has been a joy. She has also been busy taking care of Marty's mother who lived with us. Mom moved to an assisted living care center in September. In the midst Denise had a surgery and will have another in January.

We spoke at two different gatherings of missionaries. The missionaries came from four different countries. High in the mountains of a creative access country (read security), Marty visited work that WorldVenture had done in an unreached area. Two other creative access countries were visited in another part of the world. Marty has spoken six times in a village at the end of a 4x4 road.



Marty spoke in several churches (some of yours) and at one Christian University, many with Denise. Denise and Marty attended their High School's 50th class reunions. Two different schools, one in Japan and another in West Virginia.

WorldVenture focuses on Least-Reached people around the world. Marty works with this focus. The following map will give you an idea of where and how many people we working with. With close to 60% of the world living in Urban areas we are turning our focus that direction as well.



That isn't all we did, but it gives you a taste of our lives. We don't fly for the fun of it (or the food) but because the world needs to hear about Jesus. Yes, we did take vacation time and get rest during the year. Thank you for your partnership in 2024.

All four Shaws were together over Christmas. L to R: Marty, Denise, Aaron and Alison



## **Prayer Requests for January**

- 1. Wisdom for planning meetings: there are several of them throughout the month.
- 2. Retreat (leading) of WorldVenture's regional leaders.
- 3. Denise's surgery on January 13th (gallbladder removal and a little more).
- 4. WorldVenture Board meetings. Marty attends and will have a brief presentation.

Now, off to 2025.

Serving Christ With You,

Marty & Denise Shaw WorldVenture

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