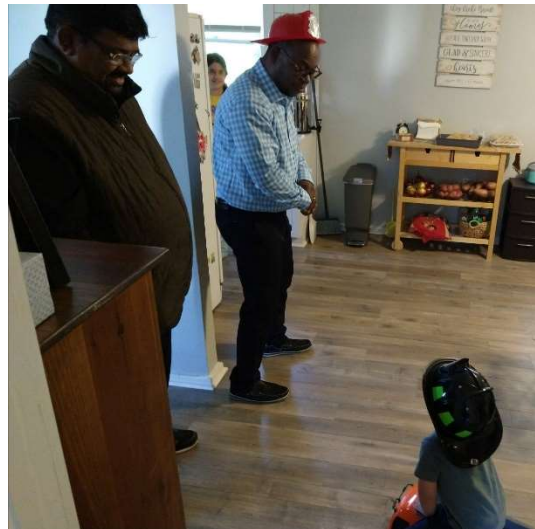


Dare Family Update: April 2023

Praise God for . . .	Pray for . . .
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faithful international partners we are blessed to minister and visit with• Guidance through health issues for Publications staff• Progress and arrival of lessons to certain branches in Africa• Formal membership at Treasuring Christ Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protection for staff in especially hostile countries• Comfort & adjustment in loss of Donn, increased strength for Philip• Final delivery of lessons to local offices in West Africa• Wisdom in inventory, printing, staff, and equipment decisions

Around the world in our home

In addition to a second visit from a new SLM friend from Spain, our family was privileged a few weeks ago to have the very unique opportunity to have two Source of Light (www.sourcelight.org) national directors in our home. Both men come from countries that are increasingly hostile to the Christian faith. At least some of our branches in India face oppressive anti-conversion laws. The director in Haiti recently wrote: "The gangs kidnapped three members of my family. We praise the Lord that they have all been released now." Knowing the weight of what they and their families face, we are honored to partner with these ones now called friends and so blessed to have our children experience different languages and cultures in conversation with them. We could fellowship not only around a meal but more importantly in the power of the Gospel. May God expand our vision!



Fireman hats help cross cultures. At least for Ryan and SLM directors from India and Haiti . . .

Providence in hardship and loss

"In him we live and move and have our being . . ." This thought from Acts 17 sometimes becomes especially stark. It's possible your heart could stop before you finish this sentence. But you're still here. It's possible you could stop breathing a few days from now. Only the Lord knows. Such was the question for Bruce's department at the end of February. First there was Philip, the sole pressman at SLM, who went into cardiac



arrest for over 15 minutes, was brought back, and now is back to work for partial days. Next but really surrounding that was Donn who, though having just celebrated his 87th birthday, had basically been handling on his own the day-to-day shipping needs for headquarters. He worked daily, always concerned even taking off a couple extra hours. After facing a strange shortness of breath that turned into double pneumonia that seemingly could not be overcome, he went home to be with the Lord. As Bruce had opportunity to minister to his wife and family during and following, he was reminded of this promise in Zechariah 4: *"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."* We miss Donn. We're glad to have Philip still with us. The Lord is good and has helped us through!

Increasingly pressing needs

We are grateful for Philip's steady recovery, though we have almost solely relied upon him and his good health for the majority of our printing and therefore production and publications. Our inventory is still relatively healthy, but we had planned and needed a heavy print schedule at the first of the year, for which he had plates positioned and ink poured to run literally the day following his heart episode. His new limitations have added quite a catalyst to the search for our next press, which we intend to not only produce better and full-color quality but also will have substantially more automation and be less physically demanding. Many complex decisions will need to be made over the coming months, balancing pending inventory gaps, creative means to print, and a possible equipment install. Pray for God's grace and guidance!

Deliveries all over Africa

You have been praying for long-delayed materials to arrive to our branches in Africa. We praise the Lord that a practical outcome of Bruce's trip to Kenya came to fruition recently. Our partners there finished printing the lessons needed for Uganda, and they were delivered to the office just over a week ago. Also, the shipment from headquarters to Ghana arrived mid-February and have all been at least sent if not delivered to their final destinations in Nigeria, Togo, Liberia, and Ivory Coast. Please continue to pray that the truth contained in these booklets will as safely find a place in people's lives.

Treasuring Christ as a church

For just over a year, we have been attending services at Treasuring Christ Church (www.tccathens.org) currently meeting in Watkinsville, GA. Our family has been truly blessed by this body, not only in the faithful teaching of the Word but also refreshing fellowship around the Gospel. It was a joy for Bruce & Danielle to just today formally join in membership. Praise the Lord for a faithful GA church family.



Us among those covenanting with and joining in membership at Treasuring Christ Church in GA



New friends around the table & the world



English/Spanish conversation over GA food



Boxes unloaded & sorted on arrival in Ghana



Transfer by various means across W. Africa



Lessons staged for use in Ghana branch office



Bulk lessons received in Uganda from Kenya

"Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored . . . For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful . . ." (2 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

- Bruce, Danielle, & Family

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