

Prayer Letter from Dr. Tom and Donna Wolfe

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Dear Fellow-laborers in the Gospel of Christ,

Greetings in our wonderful Savior who loved us and gave Himself for us! I had put off writing this update because I did not yet know how some health matters and treatments were going to proceed. And I wasn't sure how these things would impact our missions ministry for this year. Praise the Lord! I have good news on the health things and the ministry scheduling as well.

Just to Recap

Earlier in 2023, we were getting diagnoses of cancer. I had more skin cancer – two areas which are now healed. Donna was diagnosed with breast cancer in January, and she had successful surgery in February. Tests showed her lymph nodes were clear. Following more tests, it was determined she did not need chemotherapy but did need radiation. She has competed her radiation as of mid-May. Donna is doing very well. She still has a few follow-up things, but that is normal. Thank you very much for your prayers!

Meanwhile, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer at the end of March. A biopsy, more tests, and consultation indicate the cancer has not spread and my best treatment option is radiation. I needed a couple other procedures to prepare for radiation. I expect to start a 28-session series of radiation treatments in another week or two. These treatments will take me into August. Please pray for effective treatments with few, if any, side effects.

Ivory Coast Now Planned for 2024

Until I was facing radiation, I was excitedly planning and preparing for the Ivory Coast in West Africa for August. Because of my radiation schedule and possible side effects, I determined that this original plan would not be prudent. Therefore, we have postponed Ivory Coast until 2024.

Another Open Door

Praise the Lord! God opened another great door for this September – Kenya in East Africa. We have a relatively new missionary in Kenya, John Njoroge. In April I received an email from John, inviting me to return to Kenya and help with the Bible college and work there. The Lord's timing on this was perfect!





I've been to Kenya three times prior to the pandemic, but this will be my first time working with John. I will help John with development of the Bible college, and I will teach a modular course for men who are pastoring and preparing to pastor newly planted churches. Kevin Maki, IPM's Director of Deaf Ministry, and his wife Kenyata will also be part of this Kenya journey and work. The ministry is based in Nyahururu, which is about 150 miles north of Nairobi, almost directly on the equator. We will be setting out to visit and serve in some other towns where church planting works have begun – to evangelize, preach, teach, and encourage.

Please pray as we now accomplish our plans and preparations. It will be so good to get back to Kenya this year! Thank the Lord who opens doors!



Mindanao in the Philippines

I am still on schedule for travel and ministry in the Philippines in November, with our IPM missionary Glen Namoc and the church planting work on Mindanao (the big island in the south). I will teach a couple modular courses in the Mindanao Evangelistic Baptist Institute & Seminary. I have been going



to Mindanao since 2009. We launched the seminary division eight years ago, and it continues to grow. Under Brother Glen's leadership this missions work continues to labor to start and develop new churches and to prepare the Lord's laborers for His harvest.

Donna and I have been much encouraged by your prayers and encouragements. We thank the Lord for you all and appreciate so much the privilege of serving Christ in the *regions beyond* with your help by the grace of God!

Your servants for Jesus' sake.

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