

## The COLD WIND doth blow...

Beloved Friends in the Faith,

Ever hear of a POLAR VORTEX before this winter? I'm born in frigid Minnesota, but had not dealt with such a dangerous sounding thing ever...something like a SNOW-TYPHOON! I praise the Lord for a warm little house, electric blanket, hot cup of tea, padded jacket, stocking cap, corduroy pants and whatever else it takes to be comfy when the temperature drops. And with the winter God's great mercy remains. As Spurgeon says it:

**"Meditate a little on this mercy of the Lord. It is tender mercy. With gentle, loving touch He heals the broken in heart and binds up their wounds. He is as gracious in the manner of His mercy as in the matter of it. It is great mercy. There is nothing little in God; His mercy is like Himself - it is infinite. You cannot measure it. His mercy is so great that it forgives great sins to great sinners, after great lengths of time, and then gives great favors and great privileges, and raises us up to great enjoyments in the great heaven of the great God."**

**...And we shall have snow...** So we must let the wind blow and let the snow come...snowflakes are beautiful...along with His mercy. Amen.



One momentous happening last year was a visit from Jessie Easterly, wife of our TCM founder! She and her daughter Ruth came all the way from Grand Junction CO by train to visit for several days...and I had the privilege of them staying with me. What a treasure to just fellowship with Jessie, now 96 years old, and she in great spirit and mind joined in all the activities at the office in her wheelchair along with Ben's family. We hated to see her leave. She even asked if she could stay and do something at the office *"just to be with those I love."*



Valerie actually came twice during 2013. Last July when she arrived for summer vacation, we set out for Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri, mainly to attend my relatives' reunion in Minnesota, but how we did enjoy visiting all the other friends along the way as well...it was marvelous. Meeting so many of my aunts, uncles and cousins certainly uplifted me. It's been years since I'd seen many of them—we had to ask who we were talking to in some cases! The Lord also allowed us to meet old missionary friends and donors along the way. It was really quite a trip and the Nissan Altima sped right along. Val invited four of her former co-teacher friends from her years in Dominican Republic for a reunion too. Daughter Dr. Hope made way for all of us to enjoy their condo and boat at Lake of the Ozarks and we certainly did make the most of those days and blessings. Then we fled back to Indy for a day to repack and drive to Michigan for the Grace Gospel Fellowship Conference which opened up many remembrance doors again, meeting folks we had not seen for decades. Great to think about it.



At the Berean Bible Fellowship Conference in June, Ben, Joyce and I treasured being with Pat & Michelle Kilgo and their four as they plan to go out to serve Him in Malaysia, leaving this year as the Lord opens doors and finances for them. With four home schoolers they made application to Dalat School in Penang hoping Michelle could use her teaching to get visas. Please pray for them.

Elijah Logan, son of Jaclyn & Vince, joined the Anderson Clan here in Indianapolis last April. He along with twin sisters Noelle & Mali plus cousin Vernon William Heath make quite a presence at the Sunday dinners at Ben's house. Those are lively times and it's fun to see them all developing and enjoying each other, pretty noisy but fun.

Val left on August 26, back to Tunisia to teach and coordinate at The Learning Center. Although the big plans for that bigger school did not materialize, she felt glad to be back with sponsors, teachers and friends. I did miss her sooo much. We had gone all over together with friends everywhere. I suddenly was in the house alone, not a very grand experience, but I went to the office to work daily and enjoy the team of us who keep the "hub" of the mission turning. It takes a lot of doing to get and send mail, do receipts, keep the books, office, equipment & mission apartment moving, thanks to Joe & Pauline Watkins, Cindy Lavier, myself and Ben (when he in Indianapolis) and Joyce who made a very effective speaking trip to the Philippines in September. Ben and Joyce came up with what we thought was whooping cough, but they just flew out to the fields and coughed their way through their thrilling travels.

I was happy to turn the Altima over to granddaughter Fransy as she needed transport. On return Ben and I went car hunting and found a great 2005 Nissan Altima at the second stop we made. Ben's expertise with cars and looking on the computer really did us good. Even in this snowy, icy weather I am warm...the car even has heated seats which we didn't think of last Fall!

Then things sort of fell apart for me in September as I came up with a too fast heartbeat, *atrial flutter* they called it. But an expert doctor removed the clot in my



arm at 4AM with great skill. I spent six days in St. Francis, but those six days of changing meds daily and the change in life style hit me hard. Thankfully, church friends and Ben & Joyce watched over me at home. I felt bad and had trouble sleeping sitting up on the couch as lying flat bothered me too much. Gradually I came around and back to normal (after the chiropractor put my neck straight) along with the new blood thinner meds and scheds. But in November, after a painful toothache, I went into flutter again so back to the hospital for a week till they “electrified” me with a *cardio-version* which shocks the heart back to normal rhythm. A day later I was home, but Dr. Hope, the cardiologist and denture doctor all advised getting my last five teeth pulled. Consequently I now have a mouth full of new plastic teeth which don’t bite so great. But all my woes caused Valerie to come home during her winter break and that part was beautiful.

You know, the more beloved people around you, the better you feel and do? Just in the past two weeks I have heard from *Pastor Rao* in India—he found me on the TCM website. We had kept his photo on my desk for several years and now here was an email from a pastor Vernon and I worked with years ago! This week Val forwarded me an email from *Susan*, a girl who accepted the Lord during personal contact at a VBS I led in Cope, CO on one of our furloughs. Susan is rejoicing and serving the Lord...can anything be better than to see a child grow up and keep up with the Lord?. Also this week I had a message about Cameroon, W Africa from *Joseph*, a young man vitally interested in his high school evangelism team when we lived there, now serving in Malawi, Africa. His step-mom just died and he emailed me via Ben to tell about the death and how she left Joseph a little sister named Darlene Asong. Even this afternoon a letter came from a TX friend telling of his family, mentioning *Deb* who had been Val’s best friend while on furlough in Colorado years ago. What wonders to hear *from all over the world* and know friends still care and keep on working. I am humbled by all this attention.



We do have great **prayer needs at the Mission now** and I want to tell you about these so you will pray. God answers prayer in His own way, but He wants us to tell Him all our needs:

- 1) The Kilgo Family working to get to Malaysia this year;
- 2) Ariel & Faith Mahilum starting up in the 2nd largest city in Cambodia: Siem Reap;
- 3) Ministry among the Manobo tribes in the mountains of Mindanao. We are in process of getting Audibibles over to the Philippines so these tribes people can hear the Word in their own language. What a harvest is already going on as Pastor Jun and Pete Alip travel among them;

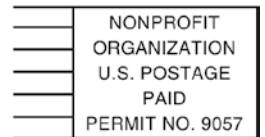
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- 4) Agus & Yokhe Marpaung, church leaders in Makassar, Indonesia, are hoping to leave as the first TCM missionaries to Cambodia from Indonesia. They also want to go this Spring--pray for them;
- 5) Val’s plans for next school year hinge on Ben & Joyce’s plans brought up in the last TCM meeting for organizational change. Val wants to take care of Mom and also serve Him; important to me;
- 6) First TCM church in Chiang Mai, Thailand starts this month. Pray for Maraats & Killions;
- 7) Missionary candidate for Uganda which needs help at the top;
- 8) Joe & Michelle Campos Family planning to return to work in Recife, Brazil after some deputation;
- 9) All Asia Grace Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in May. (Call TCM for details!)

I think all of these will keep you busy. I use prayer cards at meals, and rolodex file during devotions and still feel I haven’t prayed. No wonder the Lord says to pray without ceasing. Thanks for all your prayers and the Cheerful Giving Project which reaches round the world.

Affectionately yours in the Savior,

Darlene Anderson

Read Proverbs 24:10-12