



Missionary Volunteer Program

Dec 2022

Dear Friends and Family,

What a wonderful month December is! We love the closeness and fellowship shared between loved ones in this season of remembering the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your prayers regarding our health and my recent issue with double-vision. There have not been any further problems or concerns with my eyesight. We're so thankful for the prayers of God's children, and for quality medical care.

We hope all our supporting churches have safely received their custom, hand-made ornament. Our order was held-up by circumstances beyond our control, however, we're delighted with the beauty of them! We wanted something special for you this year.

We had a very nice month and were blessed to attend our home church's Christmas program (they used a script written by Ron and Shelly Hamilton), and another great Christmas program at Riverside Baptist Church in Indialantic, FL. Our hearts are encouraged and warmed upon reflection on the greatest gift of all time, God's gift of salvation through His son Jesus Christ.

Here are two blessing we'd love to share:

While visiting good friends Christmas week, we were able to catch up with a young man (and his family) whom we've known since he was a child. After chatting for hours we had the opportunity to share with them the things MVP Missions has been involved with in recent years. They asked us for information so they could make a contribution for Bibles and children's feedings. Well, within a week they sent \$1,000.00 for us to use on upcoming trips! What a blessing it is to see God work, even in the most unexpected ways.

Also this month a church that we know but does not support us monthly, has decided to take a love-offering for us! The timing is excellent as we've already begun purchasing airfare for our 2023 mission trips to the Philippines and the Middle East, and airfare has indeed gone up. Again, God's provision and goodness is amazing.

Our next trip is planned for February and March. We have good missionary contacts in Qatar, Dubai, Oman, UAE and Abu Dhabi. Our plan is to bring Bibles to these pastors as they are not available in those countries. We're very excited about going to these churches, we've heard good things about their ministries and we plan to encourage these faithful laborers.

I'm thrilled to be the guest speaker for the Anniversary services in Qatar, speaking three or four times that day. This missionary pastor surrendered to go to Qatar after a message I preached years ago at Dr. Rick Martin's church in the Philippines. The church in Qatar now supports 120+ missionaries in the region, and 120+ missionaries outside of their area. They have also started churches in several countries, and we will be with two of them on our Middle Eastern trip. It is quite exciting to hear, this side of heaven, of fruit from our service, making our life's verse so personal, that indeed, our labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58.

Please be in prayer for a missionary family and church who is going through a very, very difficult church trial. They are in need of a furlough so they can raise more support for their ministry. Lord-willing we will pulpit-fill for them for approximately 10 weeks this summer (while school is out). They are serving at a mission church in Oahu.

Thank you for including us as part of your missions program!

--*For a Greater Harvest.*

Darrell & Joanie Bolton