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Dear Friends,

As usual, the spring season has been filled with thousands of miles of traveling, preaching and teaching. It has been a privilege to be in several churches preaching in Mission Conferences and Mission refreshers. It is so encouraging to see how God is moving. With all the negatives in the news, it is wonderful to see that the people of God are still excited and motivated to obey the Lord in their giving and going! In every place I have been, the faith-promise commitment has increased! I attribute this to the pastoral leadership; the heart of the pastor is always reflected in the spirit of the church! A special joy has been seeing two souls come to Christ in one of our meetings.

In addition to the church meetings, I have had the pleasure to preach in three Bible colleges and talk with many students about the great opportunities and possibilities of being used of God in missions, and especially, missions in Europe! We live in what is possibly the greatest era of mission opportunity in the history of the church. We have more need, more personnel, more means, and more technological advantage than any generation. I always emphasize the importance of looking at life from a spiritual, eternal perspective. So many young people fail to plan for the long-game! However, praise the Lord, a few still are willing to surrender their lives unconditionally to the Lord. These are the ones who will be used to make a difference for time and eternity! I have had the great privilege of seeing five young people surrender themselves to the Lord for whatever He wants from them. Two of these decisions were in colleges and three in church meetings! Please pray that each of these continues to be true to their commitment.

BIMI candidate school is coming up in June. There are several new candidates registered, as well as several year-two candidates returning. For Europe, we have four new missionary candidates. We have two going to Spain, one to Ireland, and one to Russia. We are so thankful for this. The need is certainly great and we can use all the personnel we can get! Please pray for all these candidates. As they seek to follow the Lord's call in their lives, you can be sure that Satan will oppose. We really are engaged in a spiritual warfare. Victory only comes through prayer and obedience to our Lord.

Another prayer request I have is for the CONNECT trip I will be taking to Dublin, Ireland, this summer. From June 29 – July 9 I will be taking eight people to Ireland to work with the Dan Canavan family. Pray that we can be a blessing to the Canavans and that God will do a work in the heart of each of these who are going.

Paul told the Corinthians in 1 Cor. 3:9a *"For we are labourers together with God..."* What a day to be alive and involved in His harvest. If I had my pick of any period of time to serve the Lord, this would be it! Thank you for allowing Carole and me to join you as you labor together with the Lord. We are honored to represent you in the great harvest field of Europe!

Your friends,

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