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Pray for Ron & Ginger Naugle

Zulu / Xhosa / Sotho / Tswana / Pedi

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support! We appreciate the letters of encouragement as we continue to organize for our seventh term of missionary service. We reported a very low financial month in February, but this was followed by a good month in March (thanks to you)! Our support leveled-off in April, but has reminded us to continue our efforts to recreate the work fund lost in 2008, projecting the needs for getting the job done, in the many years to come.

We visited a church in Northern Virginia during the last week of March and look forward to presenting our ministry in South Africa, at the pastor's invitation. We took the opportunity to drop by the South African Embassy while in D. C., to see if there were any policy changes or new requirements since our last applications for volunteer permits. It appears that we will once again be subjected to the long, tedious, and complicated process for obtaining these visas.

We saw the orthopedic surgeon at the Veteran's Hospital who has scheduled the first surgery for June 20. We have pre-op appointments during the last two weeks of May and the first week of June. He said the knees would only worsen and that replacement would provide a better quality of life, and opportunity to remain mobile! Many individuals have encouraged us to follow through with the procedure, and we will keep you informed! Actually, our mission has several missionaries that are more than fifteen years our senior, making us feel like the youngsters!

On our return trip from the VA Medical Center, in Asheville, we received a phone call informing us that Ron's sister, Syble, has been diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. We have not had opportunity to visit family in Oklahoma since our arrival back in the states, and need to make this a priority before returning to South Africa. Do pray for sis and her family!

Ginger also has health issues that need addressing, and she is patiently waiting for her turn at the doctor's office. We brought a good supply of her medication to the states, but she needs to see her doctor in order to get prescriptions renewed. She will also need to have her general 'good health' verified, with a physical and with routine labs, sometime during the summer.

The Lord often manifests His abundant grace, and provides His children with comfort, and hope amid manifold adversities. We remain encouraged as we press forward through the many 'trials of life' and look forward to seeing our friends in South Africa soon. Our good friend Christo Fourie, sent pictures of an apartment that he is building behind his father's house. He is hoping that we will live there when we return. We have never been to this small town in the North West, that is located more than 200 kilometers from our works, and especially the Bible School, where we begin teaching with each return to the field. We must disappoint him with his plan!

Appreciate all of you! Pray for us!

Ron & Ginger Romans 15:29

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MEMORIES OF YESTERDAY (Copied from last year's Facebook post from South Africa)

Memorial Day Weekend: Help us to honor our friend, and remember his ultimate sacrifice this Memorial Day. We are remembering my closest friend and brother-in-arms during my second tour; Sergeant Gary Keith More, USMC. Semper Fidelis! Always faithful!

Born: Ontario, Canada, November 13, 1946

Killed in Action: Dien Ban, August 30, 1970

Vietnam Memorial: Panel 7W / Row 24

Gary entered service in the United States Marine Corps on May 12, 1969 at Detroit, Michigan. He arrived in Vietnam on November 29, 1969 where he was assigned to the 2nd Combined Acton Group, III Marine Amphibious Force, serving as platoon leader with CAP 2-3-1.

CAPs (Combined Action Platoons) were usually mobile units; while some rifle squads manned very small and remote outpost garrisons, where Marines would live, train, and patrol with local Vietnamese Nghia Quan (Popular Forces). These Vietnamese warriors were little more than carbine toting rice farmers whose allegiances were sometimes questioned. A squad of Marines would be assigned to villages that had a high enemy presence, and worked with their counterparts to instill a fighting spirit within these local barefoot militias. Together, we were entrusted with a mandate to prevent the infiltration of enemy troops into the villages, and to protect families from our mutual foe; the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army.

On August 30, three grenades were thrown into the Combined Acton Platoon's patrol location situated 500 meters east of the Dien Ban District Headquarters in Quang Nam Province. Two US Marines and their US Navy Corpsman, were wounded by the explosions and were evacuated for medical treatment. One of the casualties was Sgt. Gary More who died later that day at the 95th Evacuation Hospital in Danang as a result of the multiple fragmentation wounds he sustained.

A bit of Survivor Guilt Complex going on today: have a compulsion to include an excerpt from *SAVING PRIVATE RYAN*. [Mortally wounded] Captain Miller to Young Private James Ryan: "James, earn this... earn it."

Old James Ryan: [addressing Capt. Miller's grave] "My family is with me today. They wanted to come with me. To be honest with you, I wasn't sure how I'd feel coming back here. Every day I think about what you said to me that day on the bridge. I tried to live my life the best that I could. I hope that was enough. I hope that, at least in your eyes, I've earned what all of you have done for me."

OORAH! NEVER FORGET!

