

Hello dear friends at Immanuel!

Summer is upon us, isn't it?! There for a while we thought it would never warm up --- **but alas** --- here we are with the temps in the high 90's! :-/ And before we know it Fall we be here! THAT's the way time seems to dissolve these days, doesn't it?! How can we ever adequately express how very MUCH we appreciate your generous, faithful support?!? Words truly fail us as we try to communicate the blessing that you are to us, and have been down through the years!

Paul is "tweaking" his NTM/Ethnos360 History classes that he will be teaching to the new students in August. He is reading Jean Dye Johnson's book and finds it (all over again) so very challenging and motivating. Immanuel is a very vital and precious part of the beginning days of Ethnos360 (NTM). The sacrifices and commitment of your Church and leaders shaped what we were and became. You as a church, have continued to be faithfully engaged down through these intervening years. We find ourselves wishing we were young again so that we could turn around and do it all over again --- **but alas** --- that is not possible but we are reminded that "Only one life twill soon be past and ONLY what's done for Christ will last"! Our heart's desire is to continue to serve and take these opportunities that God brings to us each day!

Forty eight young students graduated in April. They have dedicated two years to the study of culture and language acquisition --- and all the different areas that will prepare them for long-term missionary work. What a joy to see these young --- strong and motivated young folks excited and ready for the next step! Many will be spread around the world within the year and it's been a joy to be a part of it. We are "signing up" for mentoring two young couples this Fall, so we're asking God for the strength and ability to do that.

Praise Party!!! My one year check-up with my spine surgeon was very encouraging. Bone growth is happening all down the spine --- **but alas** --- my toe-touching days are over. He about panicked when I tried to do it! ☺ I'm a little stiffer and "awkward" but I am seriously without back pain now! **Alas** --- there are other parts of the old body that are going --- but no more pain pills --- and rarely even a Tylenol! How amazing is that?!? God's grace never ceases to amaze us! Paul's Oncologist says everything looks great --- no enlarging of the lymph areas and doesn't want to see him for a year!

God bless and keep you! Have a WONDERFUL Summer!!!

Sincerely in Christ!

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