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*"For of him, and through him,
and to him, are all things:
to whom be glory for ever. Amen"*
Romans 11:36

New SMART module update

Recently we launched a new **SMART** class called Cross-Cultural Adjustments; it was a long time coming but it was truly worth the wait. I so appreciate two of our BIO missionary colleagues who invested a lot of time preparing the materials and then did a great job of presenting it to the class.

The big eye-opener for me was a graphic which pictured an iceberg. We know that the parts of the iceberg which lie below the surface pose the greatest danger to sailing vessels.

The application to missionary life is that those visible parts of the host culture such as clothing, customs and food are not the greatest threat. Rather, the new missionary must prepare to deal with unseen things like loneliness and isolation, struggling to learn a difficult language or social taboos.

Pray for new missionaries that they will be able to endure and to adjust to the new culture.

TERRY & BARBARA CHILDERS
*"Building Durable Missionaries
So They Keep on Going"*

November 2021

Dear Praying Friends:

The opportunities for ministry over the past few months make me think of being at a well-stocked dinner buffet where there is so much variety. The challenge right now is to see how much of it I can communicate through this letter. The following is a summary of what was on our ministry platter since we last wrote.

The Lord truly blessed with an abundance of opportunities where we could minister: four churches, two mission conferences, a Bible college and funerals for two missionary friends. In addition to all that, my wife and I had the joy of leading a man and his wife to Christ! These events took place in seven different states and added up to thirty-six days on the road with 6800 miles of travel.

Our involvement in these nine settings varied from preaching/teaching to promoting missions giving and involvement to trying to recruit new missionaries at a Bible College. One unique opportunity was when we spent nearly an entire Saturday teaching the **SMART** Personal Protection Matters class to a church group who is preparing for a mission trip next year to Africa.

I mention all this for a couple of reasons. One, it illustrates that a large amount of travel and logistical work is necessary for keeping missions at the forefront of people's thinking. Also, in our last letter, *"We ask for you to pray the Lord would use us to be a help and blessing to the churches we visit. Especially pray that the Lord would give us safety as we travel"*. We praise the Lord for answered prayer and we thank you for praying. I did have to replace the water pump on our van, but the Lord had the details worked out ahead of time. It happened in a fairly convenient place, the weather was good and someone in the church loaned me a few tools which I didn't have.

Thank you so much for partnering with us. Your financial investment and prayer support is being used by the Lord to keep us going as we follow His leading. As we approach the end of 2021 my wife and I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas as we remember the birth of our Savior.

Giving thanks with a grateful heart,

Terry + Barbara

Terry and Barbara Childers

