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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

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

We would appreciate you praying for the following:

- Pray for Tanner Gregory as he has entered Bible College to study missions. I remind you that Tanner went with me to Ethiopia last August.
- My wife and I will attend a Missionary Care Conference in April. The purpose of the conference is to show us how to better minister to missionaries and the unique challenges they face.
- Pray the Lord to give us wisdom as we are planning to host a week-long meeting in June to help encourage and edify BIO missionaries.



Building Durable Missionaries  
So They Keep on Going.

## **TERRY & BARBARA CHILDERS**

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January 30, 2024

Dear Praying Friends:

Barbara and I are well; we want to wish you all Happy New Year. I begin by saying that nearly every January a certain memory comes to my mind, specifically it was Saturday January 11, 1986. That was the date we loaded the luggage into the car, and then drove six hours across Michigan in the middle of winter. The memory is etched in my mind because it was the first step of a faith-journey that would take us to Africa as missionaries. The following day, Sunday, we would present our ministry at Calvary Baptist Church in Paw Paw, Michigan and they would decide whether or not to support us.

This month marks thirty-eight years since that first deputation meeting (BTW, they did take us on for support!) I certainly don't remember every meeting—we have been in hundreds of churches since then—but I still remember that first one. We praise the Lord for how He has met every need in our life throughout these four decades. He can be trusted to the uttermost, He is an Ever-Present, All-Sufficient help to us!

Now, I want to share with you something which has been on my heart for a while: I am making an appeal; relax, it is NOT an appeal for money, nor is this an appeal for a material need. I am appealing for more of God's people to step forward and say, "Here am I Lord, send me." The next paragraph explains the reason behind my appeal.

In 2020 it dawned on me how many of our missionary friends were passing away; when they passed I put their name on a list I had started. Last week I added yet another name of a missionary friend of over forty years. This list is only four years long yet twenty-five names of missionaries my wife and I have known personally are on it; multiple gaps in the missionary ranks now exist. That begs the question: Who will take their place? Who will go? Is God speaking to your heart?

Let us be diligent to practice what Jesus commanded in Matthew 9:38, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Thank you all who support our ministry financially and prayerfully; your faithful support is what the Lord uses to sustain us. Our years serving as missionaries have been a most rewarding experience

With heartfelt thanks,

*Terry + Barbara*

The Childers