Summer 2018

"*Be patient, therefore, brothers (and sisters), until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains*." James 5:7

Spring came late this year, so the farmers were late planting their crops, but the Spring and Summer rains have been coming fairly regularly to nourish them, and now the fields around here are covered in colour, the green of the hay and unripe grains, the yellow of canola, and later, the blue of flax and gold of wheat. I love this time of year—as I enjoy the outdoors or drive to the office, seeing the beauty of God's colourful design. The farmers are amazingly patient for those rains, planting in faith, because the weather is out of their control, yet know the rewards of doing so. In the same way, James tells us to be patient for the coming of the Lord, as we prepare our hearts for that event, and carry out what He has determined for us to do while we wait.

Over the past months, I continue to be patient (most of the time!), as I handle inquiries for service, send out, and wait for, paperwork to be completed. And once an applicant is approved, to prepare them for service. It's a joy to be able to be used by the Lord to help fulfill what He has put on people's hearts to serve overseas with ACTION. We have short term people out on ministry from 3 weeks to 2 years presently, and one couple waiting for their board interview later this month, to be approved long term. We have had a recent flurry of retirements of ACTION missionaries from the field, and this will continue over the next few years, so **please pray for people to respond to God's call to become long term missionaries with ACTION, to replace those who are leaving, to continue the work**.

I will be heading to the west coast for my annual R&R/deputation time, spending the first 3 weeks of September in the Vancouver area. I will be sharing in churches, and other venues, as well as visiting with supporters, families and friends. It is a nice break for me to get away from the office for a bit (administration is not one of my strengths!) and reconnect with people. For those of you who live in the Vancouver-Lower Mainland area, who would like to connect with me, please contact me; I would love to connect with as many people as I can. **Pray for me as I plan and prepare for this time.**

I have three particular prayer requests for you to keep in mind. Margaret has been diagnosed with Leukemia, and is presently going through chemotherapy. Thus far, the side affects are minimal, and she is already seeing positive results, which is praiseworthy. **Pray for Margaret, that the minimal side affects and positive results will continue, and that the chemo will be completely successful**. Also, Wayne Whitbourne, our ACTION Canada director, has recently been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is scheduled for prostate removal surgery on August 7. **Please pray that Wayne's surgery and recovery will be successful, and that the cancer is contained only in the prostate.**

Lastly, I am planning to take part in my third annual, Ride for Refuge, fundraising event, along with other members of the ACTION office, which takes place on September 29th. This year, my goal is again to ride 25km and to raise $2000.00 for the *Children in Crisis fund*. I am presently at $100.00, so I have a long way to go, but I am confident that this goal can be reached with your help. You can give online at: https://rideforrefuge.org/search?q=scott+gillespie. Any donation of $20.00 or more is tax-receiptable (only for Canadians, unfortunately). Please consider giving towards this worthy objective. **Pray for those taking part in the ride and that our financial goals will be met.** For more information, a promo video, and photos, go to: https://www.actioninternational.org/ministry/ride-for-refuge-event.

May the Lord bless and keep you as you daily strive to live your life for Him, and patiently wait for his return. While you do, why don't you write me a note to tell me how you are doing and how I can pray for you.

Scott

PS., If you wish to be removed from my mailing list, or change the way you receive it, let me know, and it will be done.

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