

Yes, Lord!

The people who
know their God
shall stand firm
and take action.

Daniel 11:32b

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Living with Purpose, Making our Days Count

Life is short... make Christ known

Before trusting Christ as my Savior and Lord in 1973 as a freshman in college through the ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ (today Cru) I never thought I'd become a Christ-follower, let alone a missionary. I did not grow up religious, and I am not religious today. On a busy Friday afternoon in the school cafeteria, I met with Mark, a Cru staff man who led me in a genuine prayer of repentance of my sin and trust in Christ. After I prayed, I knew the Gospel needed to be shared with people. I didn't know much about the Bible or Jesus except that it was *John 3:16* and *14:6* that the Spirit used to convict me of my need for Christ. From that day forward during my college days, I was discipled by Mark and others with Cru as I discipled classmates. My life was developing purpose and direction for ministry. After school rather than entering a career in law enforcement, in 1977 I started full-time ministry with Midwest Challenge in Minneapolis. It was during my years at MWC that I met Mary Ann, we married, and our kids Amos and Micah Ann were born. It was also when and where our calling to global missions was confirmed by the Spirit and affirmed by several ministry leaders. In 1984 we joined ACTION and in 1985 we left for Manila—sight unseen—to work with street kids and their families.

Today Amos and Micah Ann are happily married and have their own families. They are active in their churches and raising their children (Ethan and Lydia and Constance and Felicity) in Christ. Both families continue to release us to serve the Lord as He leads us, pray for us and teach their kids about God's love for all people. We are still full-time with ACTION and by God's grace serving

Christ here in Spokane Valley and globally as we have opportunity and His provision.

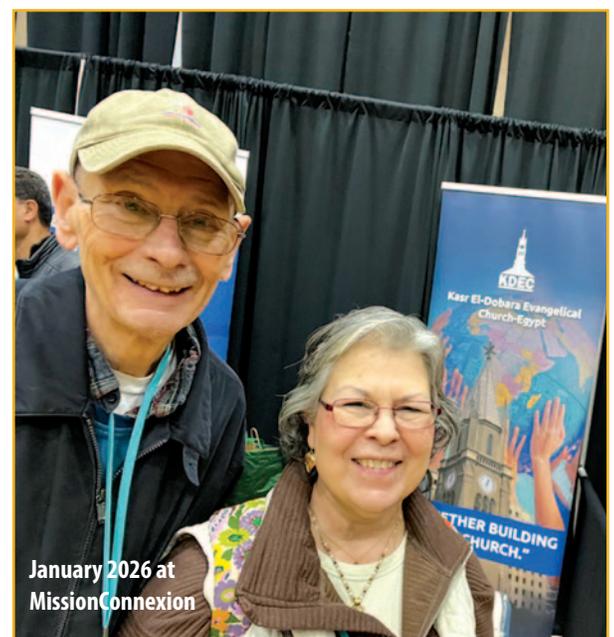
Our ongoing passion is to make our lives count for time and eternity (see *Ecclesiastes 3:11a*) by growing in Christ and making Him known among the nations. Bible verses, among many, that the Spirit is using to guide us during our season of life and ministry are:

Psalms 90:12: "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."

Luke 12:35 (AMP): "Be dressed and ready for active service, and keep your lamps continuously burning."

Philippians 1:21: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Ephesians 5:15-16: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."





Top left and right photos are from the Skills Conference in Mission, Texas. Bottom left photo is from the South Asia Conference in Pattaya, Thailand.

The point is this, we are stewards of our time, talents and treasure. We will give an account to God of how we lived and served Him and others. Life is short, let us not waste it. Let us value life and maximize our days. Let us live intentionally for Christ by investing ourselves in others and Christ's growing global and eternal Kingdom.

I'm going to ask you a couple questions that we ask during our meetings. They are: If you know Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? And are you living with purpose and making Him known where He has placed you? If yes, by God's grace, remain faithful to Christ and His ministry for you. If you do know Him, but you're drifting, surrender to Jesus, seek His will and obey Him. He will guide you and give what is needed for your calling. If you do not know Christ personally, turn from your sin now and trust Him as your Savior and Lord. The Spirit will give you assurance of your salvation and guide you as you read through the Bible. Start with the Gospel of John and John's first Epistle, 1 John.

The ACTION Skills Conference

The purpose for the ACTION Skills Conference is to equip ourselves and our team members to follow *Ephesians 4:1* where Paul says, "I... urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called." We strive to be equipped and ready to serve the Lord obediently and effectively over the long-haul wherever He sends us and to do whatever He asks of us. Our

Skills Conference January 5-9 in Mission, Texas were days full of fellowship in Christ and sharpening each other's life and ministry skills. The only downside was the time of year it was held. Due to school schedules after the holidays people who desired to attend couldn't. Others who wanted to attend couldn't get visas so they could not join us. This was our fourth Skills Conference. Everyone who has attended a conference highly values them and leaves encouraged and challenged to keep growing and developing. That is its purpose whether someone just joined ACTION, has served for years, or is retired. We can learn from one another as we walk together in Christ and spread the Gospel as cross-cultural workers. We're planning our next one in Post Falls, Idaho in August of 2027, which will be renamed and reshaped.

We received this note from Paul and Pat Ellis. They are long-time friends and colleagues who attended two of the conferences: "We want you folks to know that we both understand all the time and effort, with much prayer, that you put into this Conference. We can reflect on our experiences with this Conference in that it was very meaningful and the purposes for it were well-fulfilled. There are valuable highlights that we can reflect on and use as ministry opportunities come our way. Blessings in Christ to you both." Thank-you very much Paul and Pat for your encouragement, affirmation and years of being a godly example to us!

South Asia Conference

We had a great time in Pattaya, Thailand February 3-7 with ACTION workers from across South Asia and the US. Its theme verse was *John 9:4*. John writes, “*We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.*” We worshipped the Lord Jesus with our native tongues and learned indigenous worship songs, devotions and messages were given by leaders in these countries, we heard reports, enjoyed relaxed afternoons and shared the Lord’s Supper on the final night. It was special to have several children with us and a few adults sons helped with logistics and served in various ways. One unmarried son is serving as a co-worker in India and nearby countries, and a married daughter and her husband are applying to ACTION to also serve in India. It was sweet to see *Psalms 145:4* happening. David writes, “*One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.*”

We had several rich conversations with colleagues over meals and during breaks. Most of them we helped onboard to ACTION over the years and some we currently mentor. We received strong invitations to minister to our teams in Bangladesh and Nepal. We are prayerfully discussing these opportunities. We are open to doing this if the Lord provides the needed finances. Pray for guidance please.

February 7-10, we had a wonderful visit with Filipino teammates in northern Thailand. They are serving at a school there and actively doing medical outreach among tribal groups in their surrounding villages. The husband is a surgeon and his wife is a pediatrician. They faithfully serve Christ and the needy. If you are a medical professional and interested in a medical outreach, contact us and we’ll connect you with them. For security reasons we are not identifying them.

Adjusting and year-end finances

We are enjoying life and adjusting to Spokane Valley. Micah Ann, her husband Danny and their girls Constance and Felicity are a great help. We are attending Valley Bible Church and having good conversations with their missions pastor. He invited us to assist him and his missions team as we can. January 16-17 we attended MissionConnexion’s Pacific Northwest

Conference in Beaverton, Oregon. There we met missions-minded people from the Spokane area. We hope to meet with them in coming weeks.

We gratefully ended 2025 financially strong. Thank-you very much for your prayer and giving. This allows us to accept ministry opportunities if the Spirit leads us to do so.

Here are a few prayer requests

Last June while we still lived in Minneapolis, I was diagnosed with Arterial Fibrillation. I started treatment there but since moving to Spokane Valley, I have been waiting for an appointment with a cardiologist to manage my treatment. Due to a shortage of specialists, it has taken a long time but I now have an appointment for mid-April. I feel okay but my cardiologist in Minneapolis told me to rest when needed. I also started taking thyroid medicine in December. Pray I get set up on the right dosage.

Both Mary Ann and I are hoping to meet with sleep specialists. I had a sleep test in November in Minneapolis which needs to be followed up. Mary Ann recently did an at-home sleep test. She is waiting for the follow up appointment so she can get her needed equipment covered by insurance. Although we both feel physically and emotionally okay, we’d appreciate prayer for our health. We know God is caring for us, like He is caring for you.

Similar to a Philippine jeepney vehicle, we rode a “tuk-tuk” in Pattaya.





The ground floor of the PCRC is finished and the second story is under construction. The original castle is top center of the photo.



Sharing in a Home School Cooperative class. Our granddaughter Felicity (in the front row) assisted us.

Closing thoughts

- The chaos in Minnesota, especially in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul the past few months, has broken our hearts and caused us to pray for our beloved Twin Cities with fervor. Many of our friends and some churches we're connected with have been affected. Much of what's happening in Minneapolis is where we lived and served Christ for years.
- We taught at a Home School Cooperative about ministry in a "closed" country. Is there a future missionary among these young students? We planted Gospel seeds in the hearts of these attentive students. They'll be watered as they grow in life and the Lord. God knows their future. This is where our granddaughters Constance and Felicity attend and Micah Ann teaches.
- Building the facilities of the Palawan Christian Resource Center (PCRC) of All4Christ in

Puerto Princesa, Palawan Province in the Philippines is continuing. Our passion for this ministry is to assist Filipino churches mobilize and send well-equipped cross-cultural workers within the country and beyond, especially to South Asian countries. In the photo above left you can see the castle that was the pre-existing structure. Lord willing, we will be able to attend the inauguration of Phase 1. If you would like to know more about this project or make a donation, please contact us and we will send the information.

- In my recent Bible reading I focused on Psalm 71, especially verses 7 and 18, and Psalm 92, especially verses 13-15. They apply to our season of life and ministry. Perhaps they apply to you as well. They are in the New Living Translation:

Psalm 71:7: "My life is an example to many, because you have been my strength and protection."

Psalm 71:18: "Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me."

Psalm 92:13-15: "For they are transplanted to the Lord's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green. They will declare, 'The Lord is just! He is my rock! There is no evil in him!'"

My take-away from these promises is that God can be trusted with every unknown and newly discovered event in our lives. He is in perfect control of what He has created, including you and me. We are secure in His caring protection and loving hands. Thank-you for walking with us in Christ and for your partnership in the Gospel. We serve Him together. We love you in Christ.

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