



Amos and Laura
Lydia and Ethan

and I am preparing to preach at a church. We were going to teach at two conferences for pastors and church leaders but due to needing to make adjustments the GBC team will fill our slots. Pray for our team's preparations and for fruitful ministry while in the country. Along with this pray for God's financial provision for us. Our ministry funds are very low so we are using our salary for our expenses. Hopefully we will be reimbursed.

Visiting the Andersons

While we were on the East Coast, it was a special treat to spend a week with our son Amos, his wife Laura and our two grandkids Ethan and Lydia. We enjoyed several special activities including a trip to the Connecticut shoreline in the photo above and on the front page. We

made a day trip to New York City where we walked the streets and explored the American Museum of Natural History. We also visited Yale University's Peabody Museum. It is an amazing place! We enjoyed worshipping at their church Trinity Baptist where Amos serves as a deacon and member of their missions committee and Laura oversees their children's Sunday school ministry. People from many countries worship there.

Thank-you!

We thank each of you for your financial and prayer support! We serve Christ, His people, the Gospel and make disciples together. We cannot do what we do, if you do not do what you do. The Apostle Paul and his faithful young coworkers Silas and Timothy started the church in Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-14) during

their second missionary journey and Paul wrote 1 and 2 Thessalonians a few months later while he was in Corinth. In his second letter he clarified misunderstandings about Christ's return. He also addressed living as transformed believers in Christ in the midst of persecution and suffering, and rebuked laziness. For days I have meditated on Paul's prayer for this fledgling church in 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12. He prays, *"In view of this, we always pray for you that our God will make you worthy of his calling, and by his power fulfill your every desire to do good and your work produced by faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."* (CSB) Amen! Paul's prayer long ago is our prayer for you today.

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Yes, Lord!

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

Daniel 11:32b

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We cannot say "no, Lord," We must say "Yes, Lord!"

In my wallet I have carried a plastic card since I signed and dated it on February 25, 2013. It reminds me of who I am and what my life is all about. It says, "Dear Jesus, I want You to be the center of my life, and through Your power I commit to serve and obey You: any time, anywhere, at any cost and to do anything." When I read this I review Titus 2:11-14.

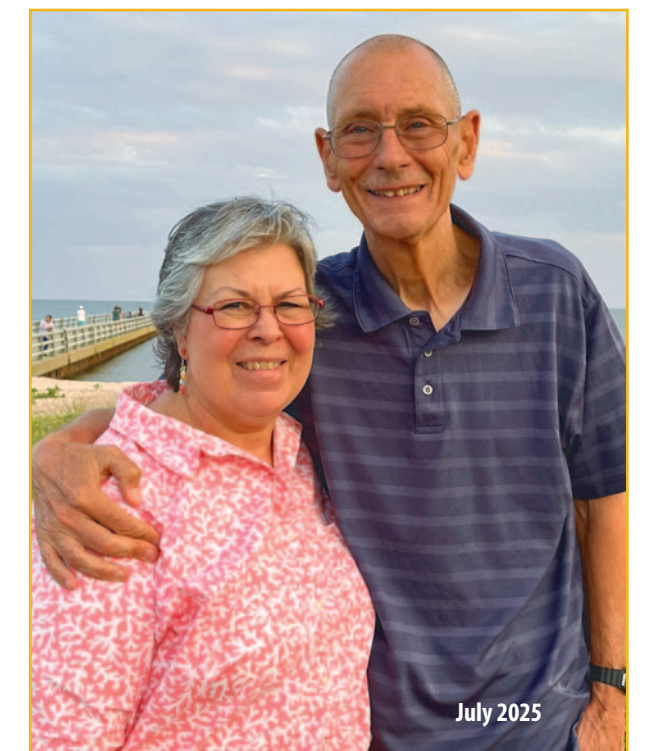
Near the end of Mary Ann's nine-month term of service in Niger, West Africa, she wrote the following: "My life goal is to become like Jesus Christ. First of all by knowing God and beholding His glory. Second by allowing God to glorify Himself anyway He chooses, through my life and to decrease me. And third by being good to all and having compassion on all He has made, to love others. It is through the grace of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit that these things will be completed in my life at the day of Jesus Christ." Mary Ann Hartzell, May 3, 1979, Miango, Nigeria (2 Corinthians 3:18, Luke 9:23-27, Psalm 145:8-9, Philippians 1:6)

The name of our monthly electronic prayer letter and quarterly hardcopy prayer letter is **"Yes, Lord!"** because it declares our passion to know Christ intimately, grow in God's grace, spread the Gospel and make Christ-followers among the nations. By His resurrection power we want to live up to our letter's name. We do not want to lower ourselves and be confined to our natural potential, or seek the world's definition of success and agenda for recognition.

We believe in our deepest core that Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords. He is totally worth us giving our entire lives to in order to know and serve Him. He is far beyond compare with all earthly authorities of all

human history. His mission to reach the world with the Gospel and make disciples cannot be compared to all the international and political affairs that the media daily bombards us with.

John 12:24-26 continues to spur us onward. The Apostle John quotes Jesus, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."* Eternity is way more important than time and we desire to live with eternity clearly in mind. For us to be a child of God, by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, for God's glory alone, is far



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Recording a Podcast with Adam Hussey

beyond comparing our personal relationship with our “Abba! Father!” than with the passing fame our deceived and darkening world offers us (Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 4:6-7). With our convictions in view, by God’s abundant grace, we are walking in-step with the Spirit carrying the shining life-giving light of the Gospel to the nations. *Here is our point: We want what God wants for us, not what we want for ourselves.*

Mentoring

In recent months we have had several significant conversations and prayer with young people wanting to step into ministry. We have also talked with older people who want a meaningful retirement because they are sensing the Spirit stirring them to move into global ministry. Additionally we’ve had lengthy conversations with church leaders about their desire to expand their church’s ministry to people from other nations living in their cities and to strengthen their global outreach by sending well-equipped long-term workers from their congregations to the nations. We listened to their stories, heard their passions and prayed to the Lord of the harvest with them asking that He will show them their role in helping complete the Great Commission. It is clear to these leaders that they need to go with the Gospel themselves, or send others to do that, or be involved with both going and sending. It is also clear to them that disobeying Christ’s Commission is not an option.

Preparing long-term global workers

In a recent article titled, “Why Missions Training Matters in 2025” (on the Global Frontier Missions website) the following statement is made under the subtitle, “Long-Term Impact Requires Preparation.”

Missions isn’t just about going—it’s about staying, serving, and multiplying. Burnout, culture shock, and relational breakdowns are real threats to long-term effectiveness. Missions training covers vital areas like cross-cultural communication, team dynamics, conflict resolution, and emotional health. Those who are well-prepared are more likely to stay the course and bear lasting fruit. In 2025, where missionary attrition is still a significant issue, preparation remains the key to long-term success.

We strongly agree with this statement. This is why Mary Ann and I are committed to doing all we can to train global workers serving in the Great Commission. It is our deep desire to strengthen the relationship between our workers, their sending churches and ACTION. We view ACTION as a steward of the workers that their churches send to serve with us in Christ’s harvest. One way we are helping with training is by Podcasts.

In July Adam Hussey, our longtime friend, former coworker in Manila and a skilled videographer, interviewed Mary Ann and me for three Podcast conversations. Our topics were *Spiritual*

Resiliency, Detecting and Preventing Burnout and Effective Pre-field Training for Long-term Global Workers. They will be part of a 12-episode Podcast series for appointed ACTION workers before they leave for their place of service. Pray for Adam as he edits the 12 interviews. Pray for their effectiveness in helping appointees as they prepare to leave, for their churches to send them well and for ACTION in this vital long-term partnership. Theological foundations are more crucial now than ever. Spiritual warfare is intensifying. Long-term fruitfulness in cross-cultural ministry requires training. We need workers who are not only willing to go, but who are trained and ready to go. Our world is globalizing fast and is very complex.

Another way we are helping prepare workers for long-term service is through the ACTION Skills Conference. It is our desire to see all ACTION members involved in skills development throughout their years of service, whether they are just starting or have been with us for 50 years (this year is ACTION’s 50th anniversary). Those who attend an ASC can rub shoulders with other ACTION people so we learn from each other, worship together and pray for one another and our respective fields. People who have attended an ASC tell us how beneficial they are and ask when the next one will be. Last summer our Skills Conference was in Wisconsin. Next January, our fourth, will be in Mission, Texas. The theme is “Get Ready, Stay Ready.” Pray for us as we decide on the topics, find speakers, develop the program, and look for children’s workers.

Health

Recently I was diagnosed with Atrial Fibrillation and Cardiomyopathy. The diagnosis started with a routine colonoscopy in June. The Anesthesiologist had difficulty regulating my heartbeat during the procedure and during my recovery. Later I had several tests and wore a heart monitor. They confirmed the diagnosis. I will see a Cardiologist on September 4 in order to learn how to manage my new normal. I am fine other than at times I feel slight palpitations and a little dizzy. Now that I know my diagnosis I realize I have felt these symptoms for a few months. I’m grateful this was caught early. I’m also grateful for good



medical care. I am taking a blood thinner to prevent clotting and a stroke. Please pray for my consultation with the Cardiologist.

Going to South Asia

For months we’ve been involved with planning and praying for our trip to a South Asian country in September with a team from the Groton Bible Chapel in Groton, Connecticut. When Mary Ann and I learned of my diagnosis in late July we asked our Primary Care Doctor if we should go or not. We decided we would not go unless I had medical clearance. My Doctor consulted with the Cardiologist I’ll see and he gave me the go ahead. We are happy we can join GBC. This will be our fourth time to minister there and GBC’s first. We are scheduled to leave September 9. Because we waited for medical clearance we are working diligently on the messages we’ll give during a missions conference

Photo from our trip to South Asia in June 2024



The Global Frontier Missions website states, “[A] tragedy is that many missionaries do not fulfill their commitment to stay on the field. 71% of missionaries leave the field earlier than intended for preventable causes, and many leave after only two years. Close to 50% of missionaries don’t return to the field after their first term.”