

# Yes, Lord,

walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you;  
your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

Isaiah 26:8 (NIV 1984)



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## Greetings Dear Friends,

As we write this newsletter we are in Spokane, Washington at our daughter Micah Ann's home. We are grateful our office communications department is helping us prepare this letter.

We began 2021 diligently praying and preparing for our ACTION Skills Conference. It took place January 25-29 and was a great experience for all. Forty-nine people attended from across the country. Our devotional speaker, Dr. Gary Rieben, flew in from Malawi to be with us. We had sixteen sessions which taught a needed skill for effective cross-cultural missionary service. We met at beautiful Ross Point Camp in Post Falls, Idaho.

Mary Ann and I led sessions on the importance of planning, writing goals, continuing education and training, how to navigate these challenging days and a robust Q&A. Many people affirmed how much the conference

meant to them. One person told us it was the highlight of his life and another said it was his highlight of the past year. Another person told us with tears in her eyes that she did not expect to be ministered to so deeply. The comments are a reflection of how much people longed for fellowship.

Since the conference we have been meditating on Psalm 27. It has deeply ministered to us and to many at the ASC. I have meditated on it and prayed through it daily since the conference. Mary Ann memorized it years ago in KJV so she has been reviewing it from that translation. I encourage you to make time to slowly read and pray through this Psalm. You will be encouraged by its message. Here are verses 1-3 and 13-14 (KJV):

*"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they*

**This photo  
of our  
ACTION Skills  
Conference is  
a paradox.**

**The masks  
hid the joy  
we felt.**



*stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident... I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."*

Enclosed with this letter is our most recent Children in Crisis FOCUS flyer. It is about the ministry of Pastor Sharjeel and Sara. We have coached them since May. They want us to visit and minister with them in Karachi when possible. We financially support them monthly.

The money raised during communion was for Pastor Nikhil and Champa Sokar's ministry in Dhaka. We coach them often and also support them monthly. We are invited to visit and minister with them when possible.

Both couples are graduates of the International Graduate School of Leadership in Manila. They are seasoned servants of Christ and need financial support. Prayerfully consider supporting each couple like we do. You can send your gift to the ACTION office nearest you.

Last year was very challenging for all of us. But it was also a year of stretching and growth for us as we looked to the Lord for all our needs. Thank you for walking with us through your faithful prayers and support. Thanks also to those who sent prayer requests so we can pray for you. We ask you to continue sending them so we know how to pray for you. You are very precious to Jesus and us!

Love in Christ,

Jeff



**Nelson Reed read Scripture during communion. For many this was the first time they celebrated communion since their home states initiated lock-downs. We also sang hymns, gave testimonies and took an offering to buy blankets for a ministry of our dear co-workers in Bangladesh.**



**Photo of Sharjeel & Sara with their children**



**Photo of Nikhil & Champa with their son**

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