

Dear Praying Friends,

Lynette and I have been traveling in the US for the past 6 weeks and experiencing the goodness of God over and over again along the way. Far and away the greatest unexpected blessing was the surprise (to us) announcement that our son Erik and his wife Bri are expecting a little boy this coming February. They had done an amazing job keeping it a secret until we arrived on September 15. We were shocked and delighted. We enjoyed spending a week with them in Baltimore and are planning to spend another 10 days with them after the baby is born, just before returning to Vienna next March.



Visiting Erik and Bri in Baltimore

Other blessings along the way have included spending my (Jim's) birthday with my oldest brother, Rod and wife Alice, in Michigan and attending a baseball game with friends (thank you Jeff!) - the Cubs beat the Phillies. We have spent most of our time in the US so far in the Chicagoland, where we have been reconnecting with old friends, making new ones, and participating in a large missions conference at College Church in Wheaton. I spoke briefly during the evening service (which was packed) on reaching the unreached in Europe. The Lord has sustained us and we have remained remarkably healthy.

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Enjoying a baseball game and a visit with Jim's brother Rod, who is still fixing airplanes at 75!

Soon we will be leaving the Chicago area and continuing our travels in the Southeast, visiting as many of you as we can, finally arriving in California on December 9.

In the meantime, we would covet your prayers for several things.

- Jim will be in Frankfurt, Germany, from Nov. 10-14, leading a retreat with the GEM leaders in the central region.
- We have had a wonderful Ukrainian family staying in our home, but just found out that they received permission to immigrate to the US on November 30. This is an answer to many prayers. At the same time, we will need someone else to watch the house until we return in March.
- Please pray for our friends in the Kagran Church while we are gone. They are missing two of their regular preachers (I being one of them). Lynette and I continue to lead a small group via Zoom. We are going through a BAO discipleship course together and are so glad to stay connected.
- We are praising God for good health and the wonderful hospitality of new friends (thank you Brenda and Bob) and old (shout out to Ken and Linda). We will be enjoying many more friends and beds in the days to come.

Thank you so much for your prayers. Please stay in touch.

Jim and Lynette

P.S. IMPORTANT - we have new mobile numbers while in the US and our Austrian numbers are not able to reach us! Our new numbers are +1 (443) 401-0734 (Jim) and +1 (443) 401-0735 (Lynette)





A birthday gift from our children - dinner on the 95th floor of the John Hancock Building in Chicago.