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CANYON COMMUNITY CHURCH, CORAM, MT

Canyon Happenings

To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

It has been a profound blessing to serve as Village Missionaries here in Coram and we praise God daily that He brought us to this wonderful community. I've often said that if we have blessed this church and our neighbors one tenth as much as we have been blessed, ours will have been a successful ministry.

But there is a time for every purpose under heaven. After many months of prayer, we feel God is leading us to transition into retirement. The progression of Ken's hearing loss is an increasingly serious handicap, especially when he meets with individuals facing major life crises. Also, as many of you know, Ken's mother's health is becoming a real issue and she needs more support than we can provide at a distance.

At the end of our Morning Worship on January 14, Ken informed the congregation that we will step aside in September of this year. This will give our church board and congregation ample time to plan for a smooth transition. We are already praying for our next Village Missionaries, whoever they might be.

God has made it possible for us to have a house built in the Spokane Valley, about 10 minutes away from Ken's Mom's apartment. For now, we're using it as a high-priced hotel as we make our increasingly frequent trips, but in September, it will be our new permanent address.



God leads pastors to step away from their pulpits in His timing and for His purpose. But we are well aware that Christians never retire from ministry. We fully expect to continue serving however the Lord directs. We're looking forward to finding out what Jesus has in store for us in this next phase of our lives.

We're not finished in Coram yet. We want to finish well and to that end, we covet your prayers. Pray for our church board as we plan for and carry out the transition. Pray for Village Missions as they look for the next family to serve at Canyon Community Church. Pray for our congregation as they adjust to a new pastor with different strengths and a different preaching/teaching style. And pray that God would guide us as we look for a new local church in a new community where we can continue to grow and serve.

For those of you who are supporting us financially, thank you again for all you have done. We will be contacting you individually as soon as we have the exact date of our departure. May we suggest that you continue to support Village Missions after our retirement by adopting a different missionary couple? Your generous support is greatly needed to take the Gospel of Christ to the forgotten places in rural North America.

Lord bless you,
Ken and Kris

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