



the DELONGS

“...That All...The Earth May Know”

Dear Friends,

*“God, send me anywhere only go with me,
Lay any burden on me, only sustain me.
And sever any tie in my heart except the tie that binds my heart to Yours.”*

For generations, missionary stories have inspired the next generation to “go and serve.” Reading the life experiences of some of the greatest heroes of faith such as J. Hudson Taylor, Mary Slessor, Adoniram Judson, David Livingstone, Amy Carmichael, Eric Liddell, and so many others have indeed been inspirational testimonies to what God can do when a life is truly surrendered to Him. Missionaries are not always born with exceptional gifts or outstanding talents. It’s the “every day,” simple people like you and me who allow God to completely guide their steps who He uses to do great things—both here at home and far away. It was David Livingstone, missionary to Africa, who wrote the above, italicized words as a prayer asking God to send him anywhere for the furtherance of His kingdom. Years later, those words were arranged and put to music resulting in the beautiful, heart-felt song, “Lord Send Me Anywhere”—a song that is often sung in mission conferences and other mission-related Great Commission services as a declaration to what God has done and is doing in lives yielded to His service.

“Go and Serve” correctly describes our upcoming June Missionary Candidate School. We eagerly look forward to ministering, teaching, and equipping the missionary candidates as they prepare to “go and serve” in world missions. We anticipate long-lasting, long-reaching results with many people groups being reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Going to the mission field is not an easy task—much is involved. Please pray for our Candidate School that God will bless each missionary who attends, blesses the class/teaching sessions, blesses the preaching sessions, and blesses all other areas/aspects that must be covered in Candidate School. Thank you for praying.

We were privileged in March to have the opportunity to spend precious time with one of our dear Australian church members, David and Sarah Vo, who are from Vietnam and now have a wonderful ministry reaching the Vietnamese people with the gospel. David and Sarah were fortunate to travel to the United States, and it was our joy to spend time with them hearing how God is working in Vietnam through their efforts. David is a special young man as he came to our church in Cairns, Australia. There, I had the privilege of discipling and training him. David returned to Vietnam, met and married his sweet wife, Sarah, and together they are reaching the Vietnamese people. What an encouragement to see God’s harvest being reaped in Vietnam, a country that is closed to missionaries, from seeds planted and cultivated in Australia. These blessing are yours, as well, as you partnered and prayed with us. I know David and Sarah would most humbly appreciate your prayers for their ministry there in Vietnam.

The Lord blessed as I preached several missions conference and had opportunity to teach on missions in the states of: North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. I am always grateful for these times as God allows me to invest in people’s lives and world missions. I look forward in the upcoming month and will covet your prayers as I will travel to meetings in Canada, South Carolina, Australia, and Papua New Guinea. I am extremely excited to go to Australia and Papua New Guinea—it’s a bit like “going home.” In Papua New Guinea, I will be with one of my “preacher boys,” Pastor Tau Abary. Pastor Tau pastors Shalom Baptist Church, has a wonderful Christian School ministry, and is desiring to put up a new building to facilitate the ministry of training national pastors and teachers. (First three photos, not counting the “Go and Serve” photo, are of David and Sarah Vo—two photos showing their ministry in Vietnam, the last three photos are of students of Shalom Christian Academy and Pastor Tau’s building project.) Please pray for these upcoming meetings and for the Lord’s protection in travel and safety. It is my desire to be a help and aid to all of these churches and ministries.

“Lord, Send Me Anywhere” – may these words ring true in all of our hearts as we follow His will to reach the world with the gospel. Thank you for your prayers, your faithful support, and the confidence shown in our ministry. We are ever grateful and count it our privilege to serve alongside of all of you.

Yours in Christ,

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