

EUROPE

August 2022, Prayer Letter

Dear Friends.

Hopefully, the included photos will give you an idea of the summer months here at the home office.

The first picture is of our two couples for Europe who were in Candidate School in June – David and Lauren Gall, going to Belarus, and Mark Byers and Naomi (Vallieu – soon to be Byers) heading to Germany. We praise the Lord for these new laborers He has added to His harvest! In fact, 2022 has been a very good year for Europe missions – I have conducted four "exit interviews" for four of our families on



deputation – a family to Ireland, one to Spain, one to Israel, and one to Ukraine (will be locating in northern Romania and working with Ukrainian speaking villages). Possibly, there will be one more single gal finishing up and heading out to Romania. Four new families arriving on the field in one year is something to rejoice about!

The next picture is of the "Europe group" during our "Enrichment Week," which we hold every summer here at the home office for missionaries home on furlough. It is a time when they can come and enjoy special activities, times of fellowship, special services and teaching – just a great time of camaraderie. Special activities are planned throughout the week for their children. It is great to see the kids get to interact with other missionary kids and realize that they are not the only "weird" kids in the world! It is a precious time for the field directors to be able to spend some extended time to get to know the families better and to encourage them all we can.

The last picture is of our "Director's retreat" which we hold every August to evaluate the past year and discuss and plan the coming year. All our directors travel Stateside and abroad throughout the year, so this time we set aside to just be together and plan is a very, very important week. It is always a time of refreshment and encouragement as well as a profitable time that over the years has proved to result in much fruit in the coming year. It is wonderful to hear the field report from each director and to see how God is blessing on each field around the world. Yes, we face big challenges in these days, but we have a God Who is bigger





than all the challenges. As we take time to evaluate, we understand that there have been many periods of church history that have been difficult, but God has always carried out His work and continued to build His church just as the Lord promised. Carole and I are excited about the future!

What a privilege has been afforded us to be involved in the greatest work in the universe – taking the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world. The message we preach has power to change the eternal destiny of millions! As always thank you for helping us represent you in the harvest field!

Your friends and co-laborers,

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