

RICK & TRACY GROOVER

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“Follow me.” We see this instruction from the Lord over and over as He calls His disciples. This should be the desire of every true believer. As we share this letter, it will be nothing more than a snapshot of God’s blessing, kindness, power, and glory as two mission bumbler just seek to follow Jesus one day at a time. To Him alone be all glory and praise!



TRAVEL NOTES

April through July have been more than full months, both personally and ministry-wise. We started off with multiple meetings in Alabama where we preached and shared all God is doing through special mission days and meetings. The people were blessed as they heard and saw visual reports of the mission work. Many were moved to take on certain needful gospel projects to help further God’s glory among the nations. Our GIMI Board Meeting was also held during this time. Everyone was blown away as the new church planting initiative was shared. God continues to move in great ways, and new churches are moving forward in areas where the gospel hasn’t been heard. During this time, we also ministered in Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia. The meetings were all blessed as more and more people were challenged to go “hands on” to help meet the mission needs abroad. We finished up at the end of July teaching on *marriage and the family* at a family camp put on by some great Christian friends in Pennsylvania. The Lord blessed and many spiritual decisions were made, as well as families and marriages being helped.

THE PERSONAL SIDE

These months also were blessed with having our annual “Grammy and PopPop’s Cousins Camp.” This year’s camp was held around Gatlinburg with all five of our grandkids in full “camp mode.” haha No parents allowed! The week was a blessing with each day carefully planned out over the last year by Tracy (aka Grammy). Days started with the kids making breakfast, followed by the reading and study of scripture in each of their new, named-engraved Bibles. What a joy to see our grandkids in God’s word! Each day was then filled with scenery, shows, games, movies, and more. If you’d like some ideas on a camp like this, call my sweet wifey. This was our 8th year, and every year gets better.

On another personal note, we’ve been blessed to buy an old 1950’s house and have been in the process of having it fixed up. God has been so good to us. Hopefully the contractors will be done soon, and we will be able to move in after being “out of sorts” for the last 18 months. The Lord has graciously provided, and we are praying for His kindness and provision as we seek to finish things up in August. We invite you to pray with us, as it has been a two-year prayer of ours to not owe anything on a house when we move in. Living by faith as missionaries, and as we are getting older, it is important to keep any debt down. It’s going to be close. As of right now, we’re a little short (around \$17,000-20,000). We’ve seen God’s provision every day for more than 34 years, and we know our God is able! Either way - God is good indeed!

AFRICA UPDATE

As we seek daily to make His Vision Our Mission, the work in Africa continues to grow and prosper spiritually. **IN UGANDA**, we have seen the Lord bless the nine church plants with both Bibles and hymn books. We have seen the Lord continue to grow the school ministry, and now He has provided the needed bunk beds for the students in the Secondary School. They no longer have to sleep on the ground. This is just some of the blessings we see happening as we sacrifice together to see these gospel projects accomplished. **IN CONGO**, the reports from the five DRC church plants have been great with news of salvations, baptisms, baby dedications, church growth and more. Please pray for the opening of the border there with reports of Ebola

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still being an issue. **IN TOGO**, we also had the blessing of shipping a 40-foot container to our missionaries, Kokou and Yvette Loko. This shipment has been a couple of years in the making, and the Lord has answered many prayers. On the appointed day, we saw more than 30 volunteers come to help pack the container full of medical equipment for Grace Hospital. And packed it was, with everything from small, needed items to hospital beds, to many pieces of electronic equipment. The Lord even supplied a \$91,000 x-ray machine. We've all been praying for this machine for more than two years. This, along with other pieces for scans, etc., made for an incredible blessing that has now arrived where the people need not only gospel hope, but physical help. This allows us to not only give them truth, but to also show them proof that God really does care about them. All glory to Christ!

AFRICA PROJECT NEEDS

Padel Baptist Church (Uganda) \$15,000 was needed for a new church building for 100 people complete with restrooms. **THIS NEED HAS BEEN MET!** Glory to God!

Aryek Andhuke Baptist Church (Uganda): \$13,000 was needed to finish a nice church that was built by Global Impact supporters. We praise the Lord that **THIS NEED HAS BEEN MET!**

Mahagi Baptist Church (Congo): \$2,450 was needed to secure land for a new church plant that is doing great. We praise the Lord **THIS NEED HAS BEEN MET!**

PRAYER REQUEST

Thank you to all those who have been praying about our loss of support. The Lord has been graciously building it back up. We started about a year ago being short \$1,600 per month. We have regained almost a third of that back, and now are praying for the remaining \$1,025 per month still needed. Please help us pray, and if you can help with \$100, \$250, or more a month it would be a great blessing to help meet our needs.

Also, please pray for our ministry team partners, Mike and Cindy Perry, as they have spent the last several months involved in the needful care of their granddaughter, Everly, with serious heart issues. God has been very gracious and Everly is now home, but she still needs our prayers.

As always, please pray for our upcoming travels as we will be on the road much in the coming days. Love you all, and we are praying for you daily!

Worthy is the Lamb!

Missionaries Rick and Tracy Groover

THE WORD IN HAND – BIBLE DELIVERY



THE WORD DEMONSTRATED - BAPTISM



THE WORD TAUGHT – SUNDAY SCHOOL



THE WORD DELIVERED – FROM U.S.



If you have not watched our [THEME VIDEO](#) for this year, be sure and check it out!

