CHRISTMAS 2022 -

Canadian Director's Report

Personal newsletter featuring ministry and family updates, greetings and more from Bill Ball.

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A MESSAGE FROM BILL BALL

Our year began with a "white-knuckle" drive to Florida. Then on the return a month later we couldn't cross at Windsor due to a border closure with blockades. How the world keeps changing but God always makes a way. We have kept well and are enjoying every opportunity to get about after being restricted for so long.

Almost every weekend finds us representing the mission. We get to meet some wonderful people across this nation. The response and interest with SGA Canada and the war effort in Ukraine since February 24th have kept our lives in high gear. We are beyond encouraged by the way folks have responded to the call for action. The pallet program of humanitarian aid with our partners overseas continues operation with over 740 tons of goods having already been distributed.

A trip to Georgia via Poland in August allowed Bill and his associate to participate in a pastor's conference. Unfortunately, they missed the flight to Tajikistan where they had planned to see a rescue center SGA has invested in.

The Albion church has welcomed us twice a year to pastor the flock for several weekends. Even did three baptisms this fall and two funerals for their congregants. They are our church away from home. Elim Lodge north of Peterborough was a great way to start the summer.

Judy's mom turned 90 this fall and is doing so well. We always enjoy the trips to Quebec to see family.

Dan & Kim are active with school/Co-op for Dan becoming a lineman. We get together as often as possible seeing them enjoying a busy lifestyle of sports and activities.

Our brother-in-law Mike Doran (Kathy's husband) went to be with the Lord in October after a long battle with cancer. We were so encouraged to hear testimonies of all the lives he blessed.

Bill and his associate made a quick SGA trip to the Maritimes in November to connect with supporting churches.

Then we are off to Kenya and a holiday with Chris, Karyn & the grandchildren! Meeting in Nairobi then by train to a glamping safari and travel to the Kenyan coast. They will not be back in Canada until at least next summer.

We are scheduled to spend Christmas this year at Sunnybreeze in Punta Gorda, Florida and return to Canada the end of January 2023. There has been a lot of damage there from the hurricane so will be ready to help out.

Your friendship and connections throughout the year remind us of special people that have surrounded our lives with love and laughter. Life moves along so quickly, and these memories are what make it all worthwhile.

Have a great Christmas and New Year!

