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Giving Thanks

As fall approaches our thoughts turn to the changes that come in the latter part of the year (at least in the Northern Hemisphere): cooling weather, a bountiful harvest, Thanksgiving, and Christmas planning. We're also reminded of the seasons of Christian ministry: sowing seeds, watering, and the harvest.

These last few weeks have been filled with many diverse activities and events, both in ministry and personally. We moved right out of university to Ottawa in 1987, where we settled to work and to raise our family. This week we have largely completed our relocation to Barrie, Ontario, to live with our son and daughter-in-law and their three little girls, and preparing our home of the last 25 years for sale. This has been both exciting and somewhat emotional at the same time. We have very precious memories of our time in Ottawa, particularly centred around our church family at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. We will continue to seek opportunities to remain connected there, but the physical separation will certainly be difficult.

Beth continues to spend time with her parents in Parry Sound and truly

treasures the time spent with her mom and dad. Beth's mom continues to experience some health challenges, so we do ask for prayer for the Lord's grace to be sufficient for each new day.

As we think about Thanksgiving this year I've been reminded numerous times of the benefit for me, personally, in seeking to develop an "attitude of gratitude". For me, this means choosing (as much as I am able) in all circumstances to find things to be thankful for rather than focusing on the things that are unwelcome or unpleasant. This helps me enjoy a much more positive outlook for each day - I can be thankful for the opportunity to play indoors with our granddaughters (or to go outside and splash in the mud with them) when it is raining, rather than being frustrated and lamenting that the weather is poor. This isn't only a "philosophical approach" to things—it's literal scripture.

1 Thess. 5: 18 enjoins us to, "give thanks in everything: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." If we acknowledge all that Christ has done on our

behalf, then surely we have everything to be thankful for!

Scott was privileged to attend the OMF International Evangelical Consultation in Singapore in September, where all our Center leaders and other leaders (some fifty+ of us in total) gathered to hear how God is at work in each of our respective regions and to discuss opportunities, challenges, and priorities, and to pray together daily. This was a wonderful reminder of just how God is at work in even some of the most difficult areas of our world. We were reminded once again that our job is not to "save people" but rather, in faithful obedience, to share the good news of Jesus in all its fullness with people so that God will draw them to Himself through the work of His Spirit. I found it truly encouraging to hear the many stories of how God honours the faithful labours of His people.

A little bit earlier, in August, we joyfully welcomed Beatrice Tamar Glenn, our newest granddaughter (grandbaby #9!) along with Anne and Coleman. As with all the previous arrivals, this one had its own unique characteristics. Anne's previous three daughters were born at home, attended by family and a midwife.

Give thanks to God for:

- Precious time with family in Pennsylvania, and the safe arrival of Beatrice;
- Succession plans for some key OMF roles;
- The blessing of family—parents, children, and grandchildren;
- God's faithful provision for OMF Canada throughout 2023 and into this new year;

Please pray for:

- Key positions we need to fill for OMF Canada, including:
 - Long-term successor for our Guesthome Manager
 - Successor for our Director for Mobilization
 - Our National Director search process
- Continuing recovery and health improvement for Beth's mom;

- Wisdom and guidance for the International Leadership team, having added a number of new members in the last year;

Thank you to all our Praying Partners!



GIVING THANKS

The original plan for Beatrice's arrival was the same, but some blood antigen concerns discovered later in pregnancy determined that a hospital birth and monitoring would be necessary. So, we had all made plans to be together in Pennsylvania around the time of arrival, with the intent that Anne would deliver in hospital. Beatrice, however, had apparently made other plans. Around 2:30 AM one morning Anne indicated that she needed to be headed to the hospital. But as things quickly progressed, she was unable even to get in the car to travel for the hour it would take to get there. With a very responsive midwife nearby, Beatrice arrived around 4 AM, lovingly surrounded by her whole family. Shortly after her birth, arrangements needed to be made to transport Anne and Beatrice to the hospital for the required monitoring and support. At this point, two ambulances, six paramedics, and three police officers arrived in response to the call to transport them to the hospital. Although this seemed a bit excessive, one paramedic commented, upon entering the house, "there sure are a lot of people here!" (well, of course - two sets of grandparents, two parents, and six children), my thought was "right back atcha!" - six paramedics, three police officers, and two ambulances!

We give thanks to God for Beatrice's safe arrival and treasure the time we had together sharing in her arrival. Anne continues to remain mostly stable with respect to her cancer, and we have learned to cherish each new day as a gift from God.

With our move to Barrie we've been privileged to help Adara (soon 6) and Vivian (soon 4) get started in their new school, and two-year-old Cassidy's language skills are growing exponentially.

We continue our search for the next National Director for OMF Canada as part of our long-term succession

planning and trust that the Lord will lead us to the person of His choosing in the months to come.

Life is full and busy these days, with the many ups and downs we all experience. But we are so deeply grateful for the prayerful support of so many friends and family over the years and regularly pray ourselves for the Lord's grace to be abundantly evident in your lives.

Blessings in Christ,
Scott & Beth



Andrew & Claire
(with Adara, Vivian, & Cassidy)

Andrew and Claire have made the move to Barrie and are now settled in. Adara and Vivian have begun school (just a five minute walk from home) and are excited to be getting involved in swimming lessons, Beavers, and other extra-curricular activities. Andrew and Claire are settled into new working routines and are enjoying all the benefits (and opportunities!) of being home owners! We are excited to be living in their home with them and spending lots of quality time with family when we aren't traveling elsewhere.



Anne & Coleman
(with Samuel, Eleanor, Miriam, Deborah, Violet, & Beatrice)

Anne and Coleman and family joyfully welcomed Beatrice Tamar in late August. She arrived very quickly at home (before Anne could even get into the car to go to the hospital). All is well, and she was a very healthy 7+ pounds with rosy cheeks and a wonderful smile. Anne and Coleman continue to be engaged in their ministry work as Coleman holds pastoral and teaching responsibilities, and Anne continues to help with children's education both at home and at the church. Samuel and Eleanor remain very active in a variety of school and extra-curricular pursuits, and Miriam has started school as well. Deborah continues to actively explore her world, and Violet is constantly keeping up with all the older siblings. We remain very grateful to Coleman's parents who live nearby and provide wonderful, ongoing support!

