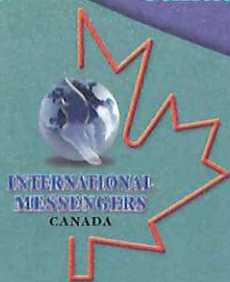
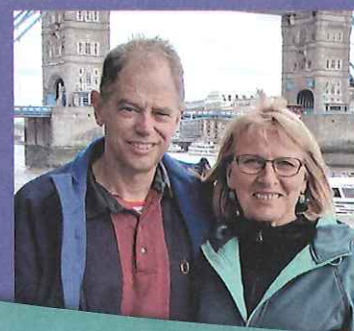


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News From The Foxes



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As I write this, Gene and I are bundled in our winter jackets and sipping hot chocolate to stay warm in our boat. The diesel furnace broke a couple of days ago, and we're waiting for a repairman to come shortly.

Boat life has taught us much about being thankful for the little things. For instance, we give thanks every time we can walk from our car to the boat in non-rainy weather (dry docks are good, especially when we're lugging suitcases or groceries). We give thanks every time our oven doesn't burn whatever I'm baking. We give thanks for the soothing sound of waves lapping the hull when we fall asleep at night. Here's a more complete list of things for which we're grateful.

G – Grandchildren Matt and Cheryl welcomed baby Samuel to their family on December 6th. Sam came early and had to stay in the NICU for nearly a week, so we babysat the other seven grands during that time. What a blessing to get to know them better and to attend their Sunday school Christmas program. Now we wait for early May when Kim and David will welcome their first, a baby girl. "God, grant our grandchildren a heart that craves You."

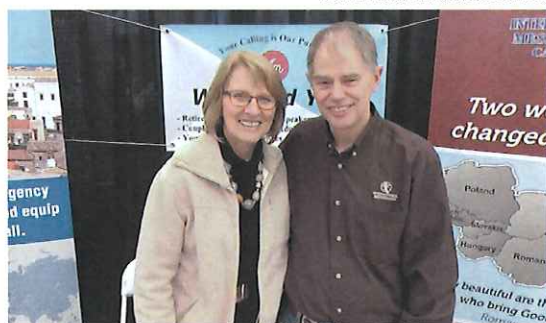
R – Relationships in the marina

We love our neighbors and enjoy inviting them aboard for meals. At Christmas, we gave everyone a little bag of homemade ginger cookies. We make ourselves available to talk or to help newcomers with their boat troubles. We're praying about starting a Bible study with one specific couple. "God, make us shine as lights in the darkness."

A – Answers to prayer God provided funds for a new-to-us car in November. He created space for me to help my mom sort her belongings the same month. He protected us during BC's worst windstorm ever. He will help me prepare the teaching materials for our upcoming trip to the Middle East. "God, thank You for answering our prayers in the way You know is best."

T – Teaching opportunities We'll travel to Lebanon and Egypt from late February thru mid- March to train believers from a war-torn country to share the Gospel in their homeland and to do discipleship training with our staff. (Read the sidebar for more detail.) Donations to help cover the costs gratefully accepted. "God, empower us with Your Holy Spirit to do this task in a meaningful and culturally relative way."

E – Exposure for International Messengers Our calendar includes hosting a booth at Missions Fest Vancouver (done), Alberta, and Manitoba. We'll do the same at Prairie College in Three Hills, Alberta. Our staff will represent IM at local Bible colleges. Doing this establishes IM as a credible ministry and puts us in touch with men and women with a heart for Jesus and a desire to share His love. "God, please send the people of Your choosing to our booth at these events, and then direct the conversations."



Missions Fest Vancouver



Will you participate in Family Camp this summer?



We're thankful for no serious injuries!

F – Family camps Summer is fast approaching and we look forward to sharing the Gospel at family camps across Eastern Europe and the Middle East. We're always humbled to see how God uses our weaknesses to accomplish eternal purposes. We need English speakers to join our teams so these camps can happen. "God, please bring us volunteers so people can hear about Jesus and find the hope He brings."

U – You! Where would we be without you—our friends, prayer supporters, and financial donors? We cannot do this ministry without your partnership. Know that we value your presence in our lives and are over-the-moon grateful for your participation in our Kingdom work. "God, thank You for these precious friends. Bless them abundantly for their partnership in the work You've given us to do."

L – Life and love God kept us safe in an accident that totaled our car last fall. He prevented me from injury when I fell on a wet dock late one night. He's guarded us across countless miles traveled by car, bus, train, and plane. And He's helped us

stay well-married for 37 years (February 20th). "God, thank You for physical protection and for safeguarding our marriage."

Yes, we have so much for which to be grateful. How about you? What are you thankful for today?

We Need You! Please, would you prayerfully consider participating on an evangelistic family camp team this summer? Your presence means people will hear about Jesus for the first time. Find information about locations and dates on www.im-canada.ca and www.im-usa.org.

Contact our office with questions: 604-855-4433 or info@im-canada.ca

New Mailing Address Please note that our personal mailing address has changed. It is now the same as our IM office address: PO Box 11022, 1945 McCallum Road, Abbotsford, BC V2S 0E4 Canada

New Bible Study Grace's latest Bible study, written in partnership with First Place for Health, is now available. Based on Romans 12:2, it provides 70 daily lessons that identify common lies we believe and then contrasts them with God's truth. Living from those truths transforms our lives!

Place USA orders through First Place for Health: <http://www.firstplace4health.com/store/?cat=5&item=287>

Place Canadian orders through me. Single copies can be ordered from my website: www.gracefox.com. Call me directly for multiple copies to assure the most cost effective shipping method - 778-808-6440.

We will teach at the sixth of seven training sessions. We look forward to meeting the students in person. Recent stories from their lives include Hezbollah members giving their lives to Christ and a sheikh (Shiite theologian) asking how he can meet Jesus.

Please pray for meaningful "heart connections" with our students. Pray for ears to listen well and for us to be mouthpieces of encouragement. Pray also for our health and safety during this time. Thank you!

Know you are loved,

Gene & Grace Fox



Grace and Vicki Heath, First Place for Health national director, with new Bible study

Why go to the Middle East?

Several years ago, IM connected with a Middle Eastern believer living in the capital of a war-torn country. He and fellow Christians believe masses of countrymen will return to their homeland when the war ends. Hopes for re-establishing their lives will be completely crushed when they find only rubble.

These believers feel God is asking them to be ready to share the Gospel with their people at that time, so they've asked for help to prepare them for the task. This is where IM comes in, bringing practical training to those appointed to bring the Good News to their countrymen. For security reasons, training is held in Lebanon.

Meet two students:

She lives in a Shia neighborhood. Years ago, extremists within this people group killed most of her family. Now she hangs out at grocery stores and helps these women read food labels in French. Her kindness causes friendship to bud. Soon these women invite her to their homes for tea. The door opens to discuss the Koran, and she uses its writings to point radical Muslims to Jesus.

He was a homeless refugee at an IM English camp. From a Muslim background, he's now a Jesus follower. A few years ago, an extremist group kidnapped and tortured him and used him as a human minesweeper. He suffers from PTSD, but he's working hard to recover. Today he serves as an IM intern among Shiite people, leading Bible studies and disciplining others.

Please clip and mail this form along with donations.

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☐ Supporting them with a one-time gift of \$ _____

☐ One-time donation for our trip to Beirut and Egypt \$ _____

☐ Praying for them regularly

☐ Hosting an information night in my (our) home

☐ Inviting Gene & Grace to share IM's ministry in my (our) church

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