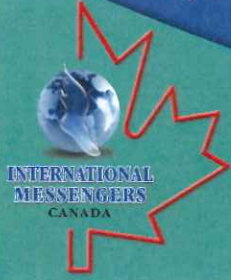


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News From The Foxes



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How are you? We've been thinking about you during these challenging and ever-changing days. We assume that, like us, you've experienced both loss and gain.

We've lost overseas ministry opportunities, Grace's spring speaking events, the ability to visit family, and even our gym time.

We've gained time with our marina neighbors, time to read books together, time to walk and pray together, and time to connect with our staff via Zoom. Gene's even gained time to do repairs on the boat and to learn more about its various operating systems.

Knowing this pandemic did not take God by surprise empowers us to say, "It is well with our souls." How about you? We're truly all in this together. Let us know how we can pray for you, okay?



What's Happening With Us?

- Grace is grateful for the opportunity to spend ten days with her mom in early March. She returned as everything began to shut down and lost three April speaking events within 24 hours. Losing that income has given us opportunity to trust God to provide in different ways.
- In the midst of this chaos, Grace signed a contract with Rose Publishing/Aspire Press for a 90-day devotional titled *Finding Hope in Crisis*. Several publishers rejected it two years ago. This publisher accepted it two weeks ago saying they had a similar book in the works but it fell through. They were looking for an appropriate substitute when Grace's proposal landed on their desk. They plan to fast-track it and release it early next year. That means Grace does nothing but write every day until the manuscript is complete. Her deadline is June 6th. We see God's timing and sovereignty over this project.
- Gene works four days/week from home guiding IM-Canada through the pandemic, completing projects on the boat, and climbing masts for neighbors. Lending a hand when others need help is a great way to build relationship here.
- We left home long enough to help Kim, Dave and Lexi pack up their place in Prince George and move to Terrace, BC. Their landlords were repatriated from Africa and needed their house back, so moving at that time was non-negotiable. They definitely needed help as Dave was in the middle of his second-year medical school final exams. We all figured having only two people (Grace and I) invade their social bubble in both locations was better than having many different helpers in Prince George and none in Terrace. It worked.
- We're grateful for maintaining good health although Grace is recovering from a cracked tailbone. Sitting for long hours to write is not an option, so she's figured a way to stand for hours as she writes the new book. Pray for strength and healing, please.



What's Happening with International Messengers Canada?

- Our staff conference in Poland in April was cancelled. We now spend more time on Zoom touching base with staff and adjusting ministry plans.
- Recruiting, training, and sending summer teams has been put on hold due to global restrictions on large gatherings and travel. We're ready to ramp up quickly if God opens the door, but we're in a watchful waiting game for now.
- Gene survived a harried six days of flight changes and cancellations repatriating three short-term volunteers from Ukraine

and Romania when international borders began closing mid-March.

- All career missionary staff have remained in their locations. Normal ministry activities have been significantly restricted, but most are finding new ways to meet peoples' needs, share the Good News, and disciple.
- IM-Canada has provided support to our staff and ministry partners in the following Covid-19 response activities:
 - Food distribution to impoverished families in Beirut, Lebanon and Nepal's Kathmandu valley
 - Distribution of PPE to a rural hospital in Nepal



Zooming with staff from Canada, Poland, Lebanon, Uganda, USA, Ukraine, Romania, Turkey, & Egypt

We anticipate having more opportunities to do the same in other regions.

- We are developing plans for hosting camps by Zoom this summer. Grace and I are working with Czarek and Ewa Dabrowski in Poland to do a three-day camp (five hours/day) to replace the Evangelical English Language Camp we usually do there. This will happen in late July, and we're inviting alumni from years past to participate. Other staff are developing a Zoom version of a Parenting Camp in Egypt.

Devotions From the Dock



Desiring to connect with her readers during the pandemic, Grace began posting brief devotional videos titled "Devotions From the Dock." People are responding with enthusiasm, saying they find these snippets very encouraging. You can subscribe on her YouTube channel: <https://tinyurl.com/ybhtxqes>

You can also connect with her on Facebook:
<https://www.fb.com/gracefox.author>
<https://www.fb.com/gracelfox>

Ministry Funding

Our faith in God's ability to provide for us ramped up a notch as the pandemic hit North America and so many people lost their jobs. We had to choose not to focus on fears about our donor base. Instead, we focused on the character of God, His love, and His faithfulness. We've learned that the latter results in peace. Thank you to those

of you who have continued supporting us through these uncertain days. We are grateful for your ministry partnership.

May God's blessings delight your soul in these days when anxious thoughts threaten to multiply. Psalm 94:19.

Know you are loved,

Jene & Grace Fox



Husband welcomes a delivery of emergency food to help his family in Nepal survive the coronavirus pandemic

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