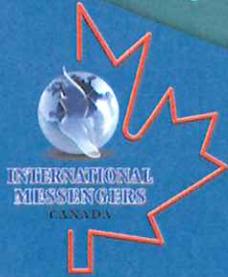


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News From The Foxes



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We have moved. You might say we've downsized. But there's more to the story than that.

We rented the upstairs of a large house for the past three years. With the IM office downstairs, this arrangement worked well for us. Last August, however, we both sensed the Lord telling us to take action on a conversation we began twenty years ago. This conversation revolved around downsizing to live on a sailboat someday—likely after retirement.

We now see that we'll never reach an "official" retirement mark. We have neither a company pension nor the retirement savings we might have had if Gene had stayed in his engineering career. Our ministry with IM will never come to an end—it will only change face over time. With that in mind, we thought, *Why wait to downsize?* Also, it seemed like wise stewardship because we could move onto a boat at 1/3 the cost of downsizing to a smaller house.

So, we asked God for direction, and every detail miraculously fell into place. He provided us with a 1980 48-foot C&C Landfall sailboat. We purged nearly all our earthly belongings and moved to Shelter Island Marina in Richmond at the beginning of March. Read about it on Grace's blog:

www.gracefox.com/2018/01/12/my-significant-life-transition
www.gracefox.com/2018/04/20/the-power-of-i-am

This transition has been significant for us, but we're loving it. We fully believe God has placed us here to shine as a light among an unreached people group. Let's just say there are lots of interesting characters, and we're enjoying building relationships with them.

Our IM office remains in Abbotsford, and Gene commutes three days/week. He works from the boat the other two.

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

Stop by sometime, we'd love to show you around. The tour takes about two minutes!



Our new neighborhood.

Back to Nepal

Daniel and Stephanie gifted us with a trip to Nepal in March. She'd had a lifelong dream to visit her birthplace, and we saw this dream fulfilled on her 33rd birthday. What an amazing experience!

The next day, we traveled to the village where we lived for the first two years of our marriage. We spent the entire afternoon visiting with our former neighbors in their homes. At the end of each visit, we offered them "our most precious treasure" – a Nepalese Bible. Each family eagerly accepted the gift. Now we pray that the Holy Spirit will give them a hunger to read the Word and draw them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



Grace with an old village friend.

Read Grace's blog for trip highlights:

www.gracefox.com/2018/04/13/highlights-from-my-round-the-world-trip

Summer Ministry

Our summer outreach teams are the result of our winter/spring efforts. Here are a few highlights:

- Twelve Trinity Western University students served at the River of Life Care Home (Romania) for mothers and children, abandoned senior widows, and orphans for four weeks in May.
- A team of twenty served at our first camp outreach in Lebanon in June. Five came from our home church in Lacey, WA, two from BC and one from Poland (he's our main translator for our evangelistic family camps there). The campers were Syrian refugees. All have witnessed the horrors of war. Some have been tortured by ISIS.
- A Surrey, BC church will send a team of nine to do a VBS ministry in the middle east. This is the first VBS outreach for our staff there. They expect 20% of the participants will come from Muslim families.



Would you join us in sharing God's love in Slovakia?

- Other Canadians will be serving on English Camp teams in Germany, Ukraine, Slovakia, Poland and Egypt.

We'll lead an English Camp team to Slovakia from August 14-27. Currently we have only five team members including us. Most teams have ten or more volunteers. **We need help! Will you join us?**

New Ministry Focus

We've invested significant effort into developing relationships with Canadian Christian colleges and universities for the past two years. Offering internships is a win-win situation for both our ministries and their students.

So far, a Prairie College student has served for six months at River of Life (Romania)—the same place where the Trinity Western team worked this year. We'd like to see these internships spread to provide more opportunities for both students and IM staff alike. Please pray for God's wisdom and favor as we pursue this endeavor.



Cross cultural ministry-life experience (Ukraine)

New Bible Study

Grace got involved with a ministry called "First Place 4 Health" in 2014. She credits it for helping her lose nearly 65 pounds and regain her health following her leg injuries. FP4H asked her to write a Bible study to add to their list of small group resources, and she agreed.

This Bible study will be released in July if all goes as planned. Forever Changed focuses on life transformation through the renewing of our minds. It identifies the lies we so easily believe and then explores the corresponding truth that, if applied, sets us free.

FP4H uses these Bible studies for its small groups, but others can use it too. Contact Grace for more information: grace@gracefox.com.

By the way, Grace posts two devotionals online every week. You can subscribe to it, and to her monthly newsletters on her website: www.gracefox.com.

"Like" her FB page here: www.fb.com/gracefox.author

Family Happenings

We're looking forward to spending a day with our entire family in early July in Shirley, BC (who can find that?). We'll celebrate Grace's 60th birthday as well as Ruth (3), Ben (1), and Matt (35). Where have the years gone?

On their Nepal trip, Steph and Daniel also met their World Vision child in Bangladesh and visited her online students in Switzerland. Steph is now a certified Dave Ramsey financial coach as well as piano and ESL teacher. As a coach, she specializes in helping people set up budgets so they can pay debts and experience financial freedom. Contact her for more information: stephanie@stephaniekberman.com

Matt and Cheryl have announced a new baby due on January 1st. Their family is thoroughly enjoying their life in the woods west of Sooke, BC.

David and Kim recently received news of Dave's acceptance into UBC medical school. He'll do the fall semester in Vancouver, and then they'll move to Prince George, BC between Christmas and New Year's for the rest of his education. Kim will continue working in Kelowna until their move to the north.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support. We value your participation in this ministry to which God has called us.

Gene & Grace Fox

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