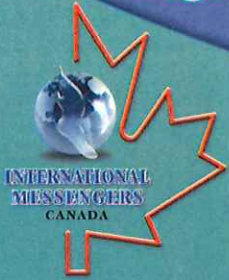


August 2019

News From The Foxes



INTERNATIONAL
MESSENGERS
CANADA

gene@im-canada.ca
grace@gracefox.com
www.im-canada.ca



Gene and I have returned from a month in Romania (partnering with Joshua Project) and Poland (hosting an evangelistic English-learning family camp). We're thankful for each volunteer who went with us and for everyone behind-the-scenes who played a role through prayer and financial support.

It's impossible to describe the many ways we witnessed God at work, so we'll give you a few highlights.

- We met a young woman named "M" in Romania about six years ago. She has attended our Joshua Project (JP) summer camp every year since. Abandoned as a newborn, she knows nothing about her background. She lives in an orphanage and is infected with HIV—as are all the young adults associated with the Joshua Project.

"M" appears to be about 14 years old, but she's actually 31. Past and present abuse have delayed her mental and emotional development, but she's growing spiritually thanks to our IM career staff's consistent discipleship. She has a tender heart to do what pleases the Lord, but it's tough to be strong and pure when immersed in a godless environment. Three steps forward, two steps back.

She asked me many spiritual questions. Now I'm praying for God to give her the courage to break off an abusive relationship with a man 20 years her senior.

Please pray for "M":

- That she will begin to understand God's deep love for her.
- That God will rescue her from her abuser and protect her from sex traffickers. One of her orphanage peers is a pimp and occasionally sells "M." Unbelievable but true.
- For physical healing from HIV so she can live long and strong as a shining light for Jesus.

- "B" is a fellow in his early 30s and has a passion to teach God's Word. He'd love to pursue Bible school training but there's one problem—he was kicked out of public school as a child when his HIV diagnosis was discovered. Without a high school diploma, he cannot pursue Bible training.

At the end of this camp, "B" made the life-changing decision to return to grade school and complete his education so he can apply for Bible school. Imagine the challenges (mockery) he'll face sitting in a class filled with 10-year-olds. Please pray for the courage and perseverance needed for "B" to pursue his God-given passion.

- When the Romanian camp ended, our team did children's ministry for the third time in a village where one of our four JP staff grew up. She and the other career staff have provided Christmas hampers for the poorest of the poor in that region for about a decade.



An unwelcome, venomous hitchhiker showed up on our team's ride from the village to Resita.



Family camp fun builds relationships that build trust.

Providing hampers has built trust between the JP staff and the area's political leaders.

As a result, our staff are allowed to teach Bible clubs in the public school and host a weekly youth group for teens attending the local Orthodox church. Several teens have come to faith in Christ, and they helped both at camp and at the kids' ministry time as leaders-in-training. What a joy to see their love for Jesus and their desire to follow Him.

- Our daughter, Stephanie, and her husband Daniel participated on our team to Poland. It was great fun to share this ministry experience with them. Stephanie is a Dave Ramsey certified financial coach, and her basic budgeting workshops were a hit.

- At least two women placed their faith in Jesus at the Polish camp. One of them has attended our camps for ten years, and she also faithfully attends the Baptist church with which we partner. She's heard the Gospel multiple times but she finally understood that salvation is a gift from God and not the result of earning favor with Him through good works.

BTW—some North Americans ask us why we host these camps in Europe every summer. “Europe's a Christian continent, right?” Wrong.

Did you know that evangelical believers make up less than 1% of Poland's population? The focus is on religion, not on relationship with Jesus. That's why we go—and why we need your participation—to share the Good News so men and women will come to know Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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

Family News



Congratulations to Kim and Dave on their daughter's safe arrival. Alexandra (Lexi) Mary was born on April 30th. At three months, she's already an experienced camper who loves to smile and coo.

Dave and Kim have been in the Kelowna area since the end of April but we'll help them move their belongings to Prince George later this month before Dave begins classes at UBC. We're sad to see them move so far from home, but that's one of the perils of parenting, yes?

This spring, Grace was invited to join the volunteer writing team for “First 5.” This is a free Bible study app produced by Proverbs 31 Ministries. She receives one or two assignments per month, follows a strict template and word count, and undergoes thorough editing to ensure her research and writing are theologically sound. It's tough, but she enjoys being stretched and knowing that approximately two million women worldwide read this study monthly.



Relationship with Jesus, not merely religion, is what's missing.



The day after our Polish camp ended, Gene preached through an interpreter at a Baptist church.



IM Canada Office Needs

Gene turned 63 in June, and I'm close behind. We've always felt that we'll never retire when we hit the magical age. We plan to continue doing ministry with IM as long as we're able.

That said, we need someone to come alongside Gene to eventually assume his role as director. This won't be an overnight succession; it will take at least a couple of years. Would you please pray for God to raise up the person of His choosing?

URGENT! We need an office assistant able to work at least four hours per day, five days per week. Tasks include (but are not limited to) answering phones, processing mail, depositing donations, processing short-term ministry applications and communications, preparing office files, making reservations (airline, accommodation, car rental, etc.), preparing marketing materials, managing marketing database and communications with contacts, assisting with training weekends (food service, facility coordination, communication with trainees) and posting weekly to our social media platforms. Do you know someone who might be interested? If so, please feel free to pass along our office contact into: 604-855-4433 or info@im-canada.ca

Heading Back to Egypt

IM continues to grow in Egypt, and we've been invited back to teach training classes for another class of new missionaries. Immediately following this time, we'll travel into Cyprus to provide staff care for an IM couple ministering to Syrian refugees there. Looks like we'll be in that area from November 19-28. Here are the prayer requests for this endeavor:

- For the Holy Spirit's direction as we prepare teaching materials.
- For health and safety.
- For the finances needed to make this endeavor possible. Cost will be approximately \$4000 for airfare and room/board.
- For the ability to connect on a heart level both with the new students and with those who are now actively involved in ministry after having completed their training.

Know you are loved,

Gene & Grace Fox

Please clip and mail this form along with donations.

PARTNER RESPONSE FORM: I (We) would love to join the Foxes' IM ministry team by:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting them financially with a monthly gift of: <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Praying for them regularly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting them with a one-time gift of \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting an information night in my (our) home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One-time donation for our trip to Cyprus and Egypt \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Inviting Gene & Grace to share IM's ministry in my (our) church |

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ PROV/STATE: _____ POSTAL/ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Canadian partners – Please send funds to IM at: PO Box 11022, 1945 McCallum Road, Abbotsford, BC V2S 0E4 Canada

U.S. partners – Please send funds to IM at: PO Box 618 - Clear Lake IA 50428-0618 - USA

All donations will be acknowledged by a tax deductible receipt from IM Canada or IM USA respectively. Please make funds payable to International Messengers. **THANK YOU!**

