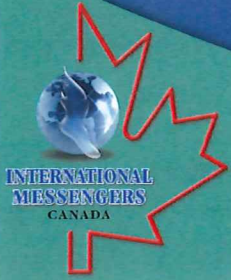
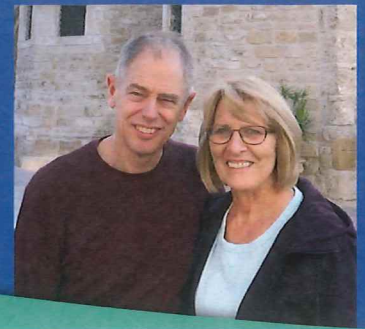


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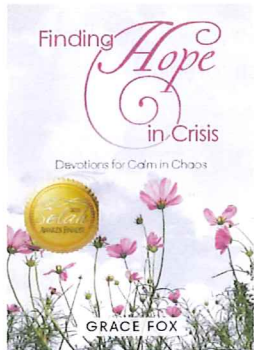
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The past sixteen months have taken us (and you!) on a journey marked with twists and turns no one saw coming. As restrictions in British Columbia begin to lift, we give thanks for continued good health. We give thanks for opportunities to reconnect with family, neighbors, and our church. And we give thanks for your prayers and generous financial support for our ministry with IM during this difficult time.

We also reflect on how full our journey has been and on the many silver linings the pandemic has brought our way. Here are a few personal examples of how the cancellation of all international IM travels and Grace's in-person speaking engagements brought unexpected blessings:

- We spent time with Grace's mom as her health declined. We helped prepare her condo for sale and be with her when she passed away.
- We moved in with Kim and David at their request on April 1. We've been providing childcare for Lexi and serving them in a variety of ways during Kim's last trimester of a difficult pregnancy. Later this month we'll help them move to Prince George where David will work at the hospital for a month, and then to Abbotsford where they'll live during his fourth year of medical school.



- Grace wrote *Finding Hope in Crisis: Devotions for Calm in Chaos* and did numerous podcast and radio interviews upon its release. Afterwards, her publisher gave her a two-book contract for two additional devotionals. The first, *Keeping Hope Alive: Devotions for Strength in the Storm*, is due September 1 and will release on March 1, 2022. These resources are available wherever Christian books are sold.
- Grace taught at several virtual writers' conferences and women's events plus lead three consecutive Zoom Bible studies for women. Studies will continue in the fall, Lord willing.

The pandemic brought much loss to our ministry with IM, but we've experienced silver linings there, too.

- One of our young staff fellows in Beirut is an undocumented Syrian refugee who became a believer after meeting Jesus in a dream. Prior to the pandemic, he developed a ministry among Syrian refugee families who fled to Beirut. Amid a failing and corrupt government, the aftermath of August's historic explosion, and the pandemic, Adi has started a school for Syrian refugee children because they're

not allowed to attend Lebanese schools. The provision of an education through Adi's school is a miracle for these children, and it's made possible through North American donors.



- We've teamed with Beautiful Gate Church in Nepal for several years, educating disabled and poor children. The Nepalese government had been harassing believers, but the pandemic forced them to ask this church for help. International Messengers partnered with the church to do the following:

- teach sanitization protocols, contact tracing methods, and data collection to government workers, hospitals, and other groups

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- provide sanitizing teams for quarantine shelters and PPE for rural hospitals and vaccine centers
- provide trauma therapy sessions for children
- supply food hampers and start-up support for small business help for families who've lost their income source because of the pandemic
- supply believing volunteers for all these service elements

The Nepalese federal government so appreciated all that Beautiful Gate Church has done in the name of Jesus that they asked the church to run a 200-bed isolation centre for COVID patients with medium to mild cases. The church declined because of the magnitude of the request, but it provides the food service for this isolation centre. These believers are shining Jesus' light in these dark days.

- We've partnered with Polish co-worker Pastor Czarek Dabrowski and his wife Ewa to host evangelistic summer camps for more than a decade. Sadly, the pandemic canceled our camps in 2020 and 2021. It also canceled their weekly street ministry outreach. The silver lining is that Czarek and Ewa started "Church in the Woods." Church in the Woods is a Sunday hike with seekers to have spiritual discussions. Hiking in the woods is a popular recreational activity in Poland, so this is a natural draw for many people.

Urgent Prayer Request

We've been blessed with a good office/storage facility for six years, but it is going to be sold. We need to vacate by July 31. We know God has a new provision for us, but we don't know where it is. Please pray that our hearts will be in tune with His as we pursue leads and trust Him to show us where He wants IM Canada to relocate. Thank you!

On The Home Front

Gene turned 65 on June 7! We find it hard to believe that he's reached this milestone. Where have the years gone?



We welcomed Elizabeth (Beth) Susan Fox to our family. Born May 15, Beth weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces. She's the youngest of Matthew and Cheryl's nine children.

We also welcome Joshua Philip Long. Born June 2, Josh weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce. He's Kim and David's second child, a wee brother for two-year-old Lexi.

What silver linings has the pandemic brought your way? We'd love to hear from you.

Know you are loved,

Gene & Grace Fox



P.S. You're invited to join us for a Zoom call on Thursday, July 8th at 6:00 PM (Pacific Daylight Time). We'd love to share a short update on what's happening in our lives and ministries and then give you a chance to ask us any questions you may have.

See you on Zoom right here > <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6047558285>

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