



News From the Foxes

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We're so thankful for you, and we treasure the support you've given us for more than 30 years of life and ministry. We credit your prayers, encouragement and financial support as vital for keeping us in this role.

Philippians 2:6-11 is one of our favorite Bible passages, especially during the Christmas season. Take time to read it, okay? Amid this season's busyness and commercialism, it reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas: Jesus came to earth to live among us. Amazing.

What has life looked like since our last update?

- We enjoyed a trip to Alberta in early October to visit Grace's family and our ministry supporters. Grace also did three speaking events in Airdrie, Calgary, and High River.
- After the first speaking event, Grace landed in a Calgary ER twice with chest pain and shortness of breath. A myriad of tests yielded no answers. Thankfully her pain subsided enough to fulfill the next two events and was manageable for our drive home on Sunday, October 5, but she landed in a Vancouver hospital ER early the next morning.

A CT-scan and chest x-rays confirmed a rare congenital diaphragm hernia. A large part of her colon had pushed into her chest cavity and was pressing against her right lung and heart. She underwent surgery after several days on a clear liquid diet to rest her colon and was discharged on Thanksgiving Day. We missed a turkey dinner, but we celebrated God's faithfulness and sovereignty in a new and profound way. She is steadily recovering, and her prognosis is excellent. The surgeon says she should be "good to go" by mid-January or so.



- With the surgeon's go-ahead, we traveled to Egypt November 11-18.

At our Middle East staff conference in Alexandria, we enjoyed numerous conversations with staff working in Egypt, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and Russia. These in-person connections far supersede Zoom calls, and we came away with a much broader understanding of their work. We see opportunities for personal involvement once Gene passes off his director role to a successor.



- After the conference, we co-hosted a one-day event for more than 60 teenage girls in Cairo. Half were Egyptians, half were Sudanese refugees. Some are illiterate and all come from marginalized situations with little hope for a promising future. We're grateful for co-workers who have established a school where these girls are welcomed, educated, and taught

about God's plan of redemption.

At this event, Grace was asked to speak about experiencing inner peace through having a relationship with Jesus and understanding who God is as manifest through His names

El Roi, Immanuel, and Yahweh Shalom. The girls received breakfast, lunch, and a Christmas gift package, and they had fun doing a star craft after hearing the Christmas story.



CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

- Someone has applied for the IM Canada Associate Director position! If this works out as we hope, then he will assume Gene's position within a year or so. When that time comes, we hope to focus more time on staff care, assisting with recruitment and promotion, leading short-term teams, and whatever else the new leader might ask of us. Pray for God's clear direction in this succession.
- After nearly eight years living fulltime aboard the sailboat, we believe the time has come for us to return to shore. Knowing this would eventually happen, we kept our townhouse in Abbotsford. Our renter moved out while we were in Egypt, so we're now speaking with tradesmen about doing repairs, painting, etc. It's possible we'll move mid-February, but time will tell. We look forward to living closer to our office and church and being able to be part of a small group again.

When we tell people that we're moving back to shore, the first question asked is, "Will you keep the boat?" At this point, we hope to keep it for a couple of years, but everything depends on how often we can use it. Gene would love to take groups of men sailing for times of bonding and discipleship. Any takers?

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551815993229>

Check out our new website: www.im-canada.ca

Blessings,

Gene & Grace

PRAYER & PRAISE

- For Grace's continued and complete healing.
- Our office manager, Velvet, is on medical leave for an unknown time. Pray for her healing and her trust in God during this long illness.
- For God's direction regarding Gene's successor.
- For the details surrounding our moving ashore – good plans, good work, good price.

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