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NEWS *briefs*

Year End Nudge

We are so thankful for the way God's people have responded over the years to the "Nudge Project." Each November through January, we ask our ministry friends to give \$5 or \$10 to help with the budget costs of the IFM Office for our missionaries. We want to thank each of you who have given so generously in the past, and are asking for you to help again. Please mark any gift toward this project as "NUDGE."

Cards/Packages

Friends of our missionaries have contacted us to ask, "What would you suggest is the best way to send a card, letter, package, or gift to our missionary families?"

CARDS: Please send cards and letters directly to your missionary on the field. If you need help with an address, please contact the IFM Office at 336-698-3275.

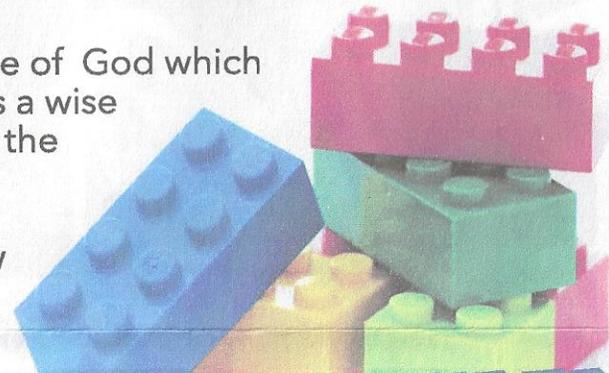
PACKAGES: Packages also should be sent directly to the missionary as the IFM Office is not able to bear the expense to forward packages overseas. We urge you to check with your missionary before sending your package or gift to see if they will need

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1 Corinthians 3:10



SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

I am at a stage of life when I love looking at pictures and hearing stories of young couples enjoying Christmas with their children. I am thankful it is now them putting together the toys, looking everywhere for batteries, and waking up at 5 am, and not me! By the time I wake up on Christmas morning, make cinnamon rolls, and drink my coffee, many have already had their Christmas and are driving to Grandma's!

I utterly loathed putting toys together on Christmas morning. I will brag a little; some of those toys I put together are still being used by little ones when we have families over to our home. My Spider-Man house was actually being used Friday night by our youth pastor's son.

As I contemplated this current stage of my life, I was reminded how Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 that we are all builders and need to be careful in our craft. He writes, "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon...Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." It was not toys, though, that Paul was making a comparison to, but the temple of Apollo (see verse 16).

As the ships made their way eastward through the Gulf of Corinth, looking to cross over to Athens through the Straight of Corinth, they would see a magnificent structure on the horizon. It was a landmark that was like no other - one that only the wealth of

to pay custom fees which exceed the value of the gift!

If you are ever unsure about how or where to mail a letter, card, or package, please contact the IFM Office for more information.

Mailing to IFM

If you are still sending mail or donations to our physical address at 2301 S. Holden Road **please update your records** and send all mail to: P.O. Box 7791, Greensboro, NC 27417. The USPS has asked all mail be sent to our Post Office Box.

MEMORIAL

Gifts

In Memory of...

Jeremy Batson given by:
Scott & Lori Batson

Joan Kurtz given by:
Beecher & Lois Keller

Terry Washer given by:
Todd Agathe
Dan & Priscilla Marsceau
Thomas & Janice Kendall

Allen Burgette given by:
Janice Burgette

In Honor of...

Robert Kurtz given by:
Mark & Cathy Kingsley

A Memorial Gift invested in the ministry of the Gospel is a living tribute to one who has been called home to the presence of the Lord. You may also want to honor a living friend or loved one with an Honor Gift. Every gift is acknowledged with a card sent to the next of kin or one being honored. Please provide a name and address so that we may send an acknowledgment card.

Corinth could've built and one of such size that it was breathtaking.

While most Greek temples of the time were built with limestone and coated stucco, Corinth went bigger. They quarried 38 monolithic limestone columns, each carved from a single 7-ton block. No stacking drums. No segmented shafts. This was uniquely ambitious and technically demanding. This temple was for the god Apollo, the son of Zeus. Corinth built this magnificent structure in his honor. As the gateway between two waterways, they honored Apollo, who was the bridge between man and the gods.

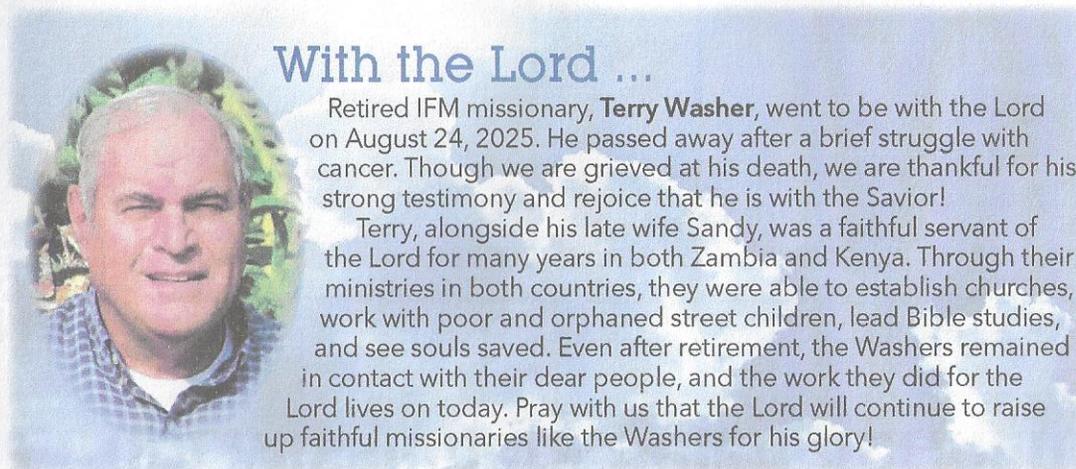
In 146 BC, this magnificent structure was partially destroyed by the Romans. It was supposed to be completely destroyed, but the soldiers did leave a good portion of it still standing. When Rome claimed Corinth as a Roman colony, it took on the task of rebuilding this magnificent temple. The master builders of Rome set out to build on the fixed foundation that the Greeks had laid.

When Paul visited, the Romans were in the midst of doing these modifications. All saw their work. Thousands walked through Corinth and viewed this construction as they attended the Athenian games or sailed the Corinthian seas.

Paul tells the church at Corinth that their work was on display as well. Since accepting Christ, they had a new ruler/owner and were building on the foundation of Jesus Christ. They knew this meant that not only would they be seen by all, but that they would answer for their work for the Chief Architect on "that day." Martin Luther once said he lived for two days: "Today and that day." What we build will be seen by many and inspected by Christ.

We have to be intentional; we have to be purposeful in leaving this world a legacy (building) that glorifies God, a legacy that imitates Christ. We must be careful lest we allow our building to become rubble through the ruins of sin. We must build a lasting structure that will remain for others to see and bring glory to the true God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *by Treg Spicer | IFM Executive Director*

If seeing the sights of Corinth or any other city Paul visited in Greece would be something you would enjoy, I invite you to join me as I lead a trip with our IFM family and friends on the **Journey of Paul** in November of 2026. If you have any questions or would like to put your name on the list for this 10-day trip, please let me know at spicer.treg@ifmnews.com



With the Lord ...

Retired IFM missionary, **Terry Washer**, went to be with the Lord on August 24, 2025. He passed away after a brief struggle with cancer. Though we are grieved at his death, we are thankful for his strong testimony and rejoice that he is with the Savior!

Terry, alongside his late wife Sandy, was a faithful servant of the Lord for many years in both Zambia and Kenya. Through their ministries in both countries, they were able to establish churches, work with poor and orphaned street children, lead Bible studies, and see souls saved. Even after retirement, the Washers remained in contact with their dear people, and the work they did for the Lord lives on today. Pray with us that the Lord will continue to raise up faithful missionaries like the Washers for his glory!



See the article on [Brother Washer.](#)