Dear friends,

It is always interesting to write a letter in one month and then knowing that it will not be opened and read until the following month. Scripture makes it clear that we do not know what each day holds. “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough troubles of its own.” Matthew 6:34  The troubles of each day! It is interesting to consider those words.

For sure there is not likely a day that goes by for any of us that we could not identify at least a small bit of trouble, and often there is clear evidence of all kinds of challenge and difficulty. Eugene Peterson translates this verse in the Message as follows: “Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.”

I like that challenge, giving my entire attention to what God is doing right now. For sure we can rejoice in the evidence of His hand in the good things, but it is a bit hard to do so in the trouble of each day.

Our theme this year is “Be Strong and Courageous.” This is an appropriate charge for each of us to find encouragement in the context of the troubles in our days. I can think of a list of things from recent days: computer challenges, interpersonal conflict, communication troubles, vehicle troubles, aches and pains, friends with serious health issues, and the list can go on and on. God is asking me to give my entire attention to what He is doing amidst all of these difficulties. Right now! I am also charged not to get worked up whatever may help. God will help you and me to deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

He knew that Joshua had many challenges ahead as he would lead the children of Israel into the promised land. He charged him three times in the opening book of Joshua to be strong and courageous. The context for that charge was the promise that He would be with him.
“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

It is easy to write a prayer letter with this context. Troubles are real in my life, and I know they are a reality for you as you read this letter. Let us commit to pray this for one another.

Pray as the fall is busy with travel to visit veterinary schools, veterinary conferences and, an overseas trip in late October. Each of these responsibilities will have troubles no doubt, but He promised that He is with us and will not forsake us. Thank you for your faithful partnership and prayers. We continue to seek His provision, and so as He prompts you, please join us with your financial support.

He is faithful,
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