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Serving in His Love

Greetings again from north-central Texas! My body is in Texas, but my mind and my heart keep going back to Tanzania. When I will return to Tanzania and under what circumstances is unknown to me but is already known to Almighty God. Despite the delays, the time and circumstance of my return are sure to be for good. I know this because it is written, *"God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."*

(Romans 8:28 NASV)

Each year CVM chooses a theme and verse of scripture to focus on. For the fiscal year, 2021 CVM chose the theme of "Rooted" with a theme verse of Ephesians 3:17-19 (NASV): *"so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God."*

When I surrendered my life to Christ and put my faith in Him in 1977 the "soil" of my heart was ready to receive His word and His love. Other Christ-followers nurtured me and helped to firmly establish my faith. Thanks to them, my faith is deeply rooted in God's love. The trials of life did not stop with my profession of faith. But since becoming a Christ-follower I have never faced my trials alone.

As I have endured and worked through the trials of life it is not only God who has been with me. Numerous brothers and sisters in Christ have walked with me through many struggles. I covet your participation with me in my current situation. The ship of my ministry is becalmed. But I know that

my witness continues regardless of how I deal with this calm interlude. I want to have a positive witness for the Lord, not a negative one. I want the same for you.

Though my association with Food for His Children did not end until 2019, for over four and a half years I have been seeking God's direction in my next role in ministry. I am still seeking. I know that I am not alone. I know that God can use me wherever I am. What is hard for me is the waiting and not feeling useful or productive. I must frequently remind myself that God is working through me even if I do not see it or feel it.

The Williams, the American couple who started the NGO under which I hope to be granted work and residence permits in Tanzania, is also facing obstacles to getting new permits. If they cannot get their permits renewed, it is highly unlikely that the NGO will continue to exist. That would negate my permit applications.

If I cannot return to work in Tanzania, I plan to look for a long-term opportunity to serve Native Americans as a veterinary medical missionary. In my work in Tanzania, less than one percent of the individuals served by Food for His Children claimed a faith other than Christianity. A quick perusal of the Joshua Project's listing of people groups showed that of Native American tribes most are 50%-65% Christian. But most of the Eskimo tribes are 18%-50% Christian and the Pueblo/Zuni (grouped together) are 15% Christian. I hope that by the end of this year I will have been able to make survey trips to some Native American reservations. Your ongoing financial support will make this possible.

Through the apostle Paul God encourages us to be steadfast, *"having done everything, to stand firm."* Eph. 6:13 (NASV). Through every trial, an end goal is that we will stand firm. This current pandemic has added a lot of challenges to our lives. If you are having a hard time "standing firm", I urge you to go deeper into the Scriptures so that the roots of your faith go deep into God's love. He is faithful! ALWAYS!

Though I now have an Associate status with Christian Veterinary Mission rather than being a full-time field worker, I need your prayer support now as much as ever before. (If this status change is new news to you, please see my prayer letter for June 2020. Check your email or go to cvm.org and click on "missions", then on "field staff", then cursor down on the panel on the right side of your screen to my name. Click on my name, then on "learn more". Cursor down until on the left side of the screen you see a list of my prayer letters. Select June 2020.)

Please pray that

- God will open and close doors to clearly show me and the Williams where and how we can best serve Him during this season of our lives.
- God will end this pandemic sooner than later.
- My knee replacement surgery and recovery will go well and be free of complications. The surgery is not yet scheduled, but I anticipate that it will be done in August.

Thank you for partnering with me! Your steadfastness gives me great encouragement!

Love,
Margaret