



Prins News

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EXCELLING LEADERS

This morning as I was preparing to write this newsletter, I spent some time, like I do every Monday, looking at my schedule for the week and month ahead. I saw the date "April 30"; the anniversary of the shooting we experienced in Trinidad. As I reflect back, there was a lot of fear, anger, emotional and physical pain associated with the events of that day. I am so thankful that God never left our side, even when we didn't feel or see Him. Now, 12 years later, God is using our story in a way we never imagined. Sue and I have the privilege to walk with many missionaries and their families who are searching and finding God in the midst of their story!

In **January**, Sue and I were part of the teaching team for the **Missionary Care Foundations Course** in Richmond, VA. I loved the subtitle: "Equipping missionaries for resilient and effective service." We had 39 students from 11 different countries for this three week course. One of the main sections of the course was for each student to apply what they learned by writing an action plan to improve missionary care in their region of the world. Part of my job was to read them and give input. I was so encouraged to see how the principles that they learned will help keep our missionaries healthy, on the field, and effective in their calling.



february

saw us in Orlando to be part of the **YWAM International Member Care Strategy Forum**. This group of 40 leaders from Africa, Indonesia, Asia, Europe, North, South and Central America, Middle East, and India gathered together for 5 days with a focus on how to take care of the close to 30,000 fulltime YWAM staff members around the world.



Radiant Life

In **march**, Sue and I and our team led a **Radiant Life Retreat** for two missionary couples. We rented a large home on 10 acres of woods in the Plainwell area which allowed for room to walk in nature during processing times. We even had one night where we sat outside by the fire and made s'mores with snow falling around us. What a treat for those who had never seen snow!

The picture you see was taken by one of the participants. One morning, during the time set aside for devotions, we sent everyone outside to talk with God and to find something that reminded them of God or spoke to them about the season they are in. Some came back with branches, stones, flowers, but this person came back with a picture she took. She said, "I came here last week feeling like everything was dead, like all of the dead leaves, but through this week I am again seeing new life coming forward."



may will find us in Orlando, Florida for a Radiant Life Retreat. This RLR will be the first time that children will be included. **Please pray specifically for:**

- wisdom for the leaders
- unity for the team
- open hearts for the participants
- effective children's program

A friend recently told me, "It is one thing for missionary couples and singles to find healing through debriefing, but the attack on the family is bigger. If the enemy (devil) is able to take out missionary children he has robbed us of the next generation."



new ways of giving

The ministry of Excelling Leaders continues to touch missionaries around the world and we need your support more than ever. At our last meeting, the board of Excelling Leaders felt it was time for us to expand the support options for our staff, programs and ministry partners by processing donations directly through Excelling Leaders either by using our online option or by check.

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