



One Another



Ministries International

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Dear family and friends,

Summer 2009

Scripture says we don't *really* know what a day may bring. I often say the same thing of those we receive here at One Another; we never *really* know who may walk through the door. Their calling is sometimes similar, but their stories are as different as the places they serve. Their challenges, difficulties and victories are very personal. They are simply "*sent ones*" and because they are, Proverbs 27 reminds us "to *know the state of our flocks*;" especially those who have been sent to take the gospel into some very difficult places.

One Another seeks to *care for those who care for the world*. We come alongside those serving in hard places. We recently heard of a missionary serving where there was no water nor electricity. The conveniences of home are often absent. Simple tasks become hard. When those challenges accumulate, missionaries often contact us for help. One common denominator they share is stress. Change (*even good change*) causes stress and the body feels it. Since change is inevitable, we try to help missionaries and Christian workers identify stressors (often through a good debriefing of their experiences) and then offer ways to prevent the negative effects of stress. Recognizing stress and helping them make good lifestyle choices is really important to their longevity on the field. As you read about my summer months, I hope you will see how your gifts help them make good choices for ministry and life. Thanks for helping them serve better in many distant places in the world.

June - Since care givers need encouragement, too, June began with a visit from a supporter who brought her love, care, and eagerness to understand our work better. What a great gift to receive! Our ministry team enjoyed another good collaboration and supervision time in England. We are blessed to experience the protection of accountability, resource sharing, and planning ways of more effective ministry among those we serve. Upon our return, I was able to welcome guests who also serve in member care ministry. Their fellowship and sharing was a great encouragement, too. The highlight for me, however, was my friend Marie accepting the Lord. You have prayed for her for years, and God has answered prayer. Her baptism is scheduled for this Sunday!

July - I was able to connect with several prayer warriors who have blessed me throughout the years. God also provided for some physical and medical needs I had. I thank Him *for those who provided and for you who pray*. A few days later I had a guest in my home with significant needs. Your prayers prepared her heart and mine. Here is her testimony:

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"One Another Ministries was available at just the right moment, right when help was needed. It provided a safe place to debrief and to discover a clear perspective on my ministry situation, to see and to place all the elements uncovered in their appropriate place. Confidence was reestablished to take the next step and move forward with God's call upon my life. Thank you for this vital ministry to missionaries in action." The thanks goes to our Father and to you for making this encouragement possible for this worker.

August: A lot of this month was spent consulting, which I enjoy very much. We also had some significant time with some singles and if God provides, we will continue to work as a small group here in Europe collaboratively to better help singles in ministry on the field. Ask God to provide the funds to enable us to meet together at another site and to continue the development of some tools that could be very useful to many on the field.

Sadly, we also have seen the enemy escalate his endeavors to discourage the saints. We need your prayers of protection daily. I was able to host a family (friends) for a few days. Though veteran missionaries in Europe, they are recently relocated to this country. While en route here, their rental car was robbed and almost everything stolen. The trauma of violation and loss is great, yet this family was amazing as they processed loss and moved forward. *We know you prayed.*

In review, we are praising God together for a summer of those who:

- have come into His kingdom,
- have been strengthened in new positions of ministry
- have been encouraged and are making good decisions
- are seeking to use their gifts to please God - even if it means change and transition

And we are praying together and asking God to:

- strengthen new converts and bless their obedience
- break the snares of the enemy
- speak truth into the lives of those making positive decisions
- supply funds needed to best care for soldiers on the front lines
- help me with preparations for an effective furlough and for additional contacts who will partner with me in ministry and project development

Thank you for working with me in fulfilling God's plan to see all the world know Him.

Blessings and gratitude,



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