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Dear Friends,

In the book of Third John, God teaches us that He wants us to receive his missionaries into our homes, show them his hospitality, friendship and love, care for them, support them, and send them forward with the truth. He reminds us to do all this, not in the way the missionaries would deserve, but in a manner that is worthy of the God whom they serve. And the beautiful part of this passage that always captures my imagination is the promise that by doing this we become partners with these missionaries for the truth.

The magnitude of this truth really hit us again last week as we were talking with friends who came from the States to encourage our team. Since we are involved with this kind of ministry every day, we don't often take the time to step back and look at the exponential impact on lives touched by those who receive help through this ministry.

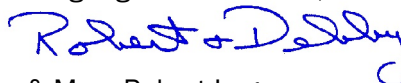
As an example, this month a missionary family came to us out of a country currently being torn apart by war. During the week they were with us, we were able to debrief with them the multiple traumas their family had suffered, listen and encourage, pray with them, laugh with them, see God bring healing to the scars of spiritual battle, and give them many new tools to use as they return to the front line. Having received this help, this family has now returned to their place of service and to a ministry that impacts thousands of people in a very needy area. You and I are now partners with them, and have a part in every life that is touched. Could anything be more thrilling, or more humbling?

Tomorrow it will begin again. A missionary couple, leaders who direct a team focusing ministry among south Asians, will be flying here in the morning to receive care, hospitality, and help with their life and ministry. I can't wait to see what God has in store for our time together. Thank you so much for making this ministry possible, and for having a part in the countless lives God is touching through the Christian workers and Christian organizations he sends our way. Please pray with us that everything will be done in a way that is worthy of our God.

We want to thank you for joining us in prayer for our friend and colleague Rick Lange after his recent cancer surgery. The doctors are encouraged by the surgery and his rate of recovery. Please continue to pray as Rick now begins six weeks of radiation treatments. If you would like more information, you may visit the "updates" section of our web site www.OneAnother.com.

We would also like to ask you to join us in special prayer for the financial situation of our ministry. If you have been hearing from us for long, you know we don't use our prayer updates to make financial appeals. Over the last 25 years, God has always been faithful in supplying for His work, and we are confident He will continue to do so. Recently, rather drastic increases in some costs have put our ministry support account into a deficit situation that is becoming serious. We know it would be unfair of us not to allow you to join us in prayer for this pressing need, so that you will be able to join us in rejoicing when we see how God provides. Your partnership in prayer is very important to us, and we thank you for standing (and kneeling) with us.

Working together for Christ,



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