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So it's really fall...and there are a lot of things transitioning.

First of all, we had a wonderful time at our nephew's wedding in Ontario! It was so good to see a lot of old friends and family, even if just briefly. There we are looking spiffy above!

People familiar with international moves recognise that the process of transition is a very long one. The first year is all about survival, trying to figure out what you need to know just to do what you need to do. We are approaching the second year anniversary of our move and this year has been more about learning the unspoken or more nuanced cultural norms, references and expectations in the USA. (It would appear that this is a process being experienced by the whole nation in one way or another, but let's not go there!)

So, we are hoping to get a chance to make the autumn pilgrimage to see the aspen leaves changing; Jaela has attended homecoming events at school; and we have acquired some pumpkin spice flavoured items. Look at us assimilating!



Things are also moving on with ministry. Here's some updates...



This is me engaged in the highly technical process of putting articles in order for the 2018 edition of the 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim world. I'm more pleased with this edition than I've ever been - there is some fascinating insight into symbols of faith that are significant to Muslim communities all over the world. Ramadan begins in May but we are aiming to get the text to translators next week so they have time to translate, fit the text into the design, publish and promote the event, which keeps growing.

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This is a sneak peak at an image from the upcoming 30 Days guide because Jeff doesn't generate very interesting pictures. He's currently very occupied in dealing with an ongoing crisis situation in West Africa and in preparing for a gathering of the Vision 5:9 network - a partnership of agencies who are working to see discipleship movements in the Muslim world. Jeff's been secretary of this partnership for a decade and it has grown to include the majority of agencies focused on this task. They meet every five years to fellowship, share resources, exchange strategy, worship and pray together. He'll be gone to Thailand for this for two weeks, so do pray for him.

On a personal note...

I don't know if you've noticed, but in the last year, a number of established and fruitful mission-related ministries in North America have downsized, re-structured or closed down due to a lack of finances. The focus of the church has shifted quite a lot, leaving goals for global Kingdom ministry lower on the priority list.

But you haven't changed. We are exceptionally blessed to have a group of partners who have committed with us to long-term goals and long-term fruit of the Kingdom of God. We are very grateful that you keep making it a part of your faith commitment to support the mobilisation and care of workers to the Muslim world. We absolutely could not do this without you.

Nevertheless, we do need to see an increase in our finances in order to keep going.

Please pray with us and if you know anyone else who might be interested in joining our team, do let us know. We'd love the opportunity to tell you, or anyone else, more about how to invest in the work Jesus has called us to pursue.

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Happy Fall,
Jeff & Tamara



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