

# the Tangemans

"The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be **one**, even as **we** are **one**, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly **one**, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundations of the world. **I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.**" -John 17: 22-24, 26

I've been thinking a lot about Jesus' conversation with the Father from John 17. I imagine that most of the hours he spent withdrawn by himself to pray would have looked a lot like this passage. It's such an awesome glimpse into the infinite perspective and providence of God. He loved his own! He planned an amazing course of events that would culminate in them being united to himself in a oneness that we cannot understand yet. A oneness that is the epitome of divine joy and the source of his glory.

Every day we are making known the name of Jesus, declaring the glory of the Father and equipping our brothers and sisters around the world to do the same thing. Thank you for helping share the glory that comes from the joy of the oneness with the Father!

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*"As a Christian...this gives me the tools to evangelize. Thanks to all for being a channel for God's honor...your programs are very instructive and your messages have spoken a lot to me and have edified me. I am a young man with a great desire to serve the Lord in missionary work. My greatest desire is to one day become a good pastor....All your articles [programs] are a great apprenticeship."*

**A Listener in Cuba**

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## The Happenings

- Benjamin was asked to help facilitate the Ministry Partnership Development training that is hosted here in Cary several times during the year. As it is something that we believe very strongly in, he was very glad to be part of helping to train people in the economy of God's Kingdom.
- We had a family vacation to the Outer Banks in June, followed shortly after by our annual trip to Ohio to visit family and celebrate Grandma's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Benjamin and Ruth attended a weekend church leadership retreat at the end of July.
- Benjamin is part of the Candidate Review Committee that interviews potential new missionaries. They will be meeting several new candidates in August.



## Things to Pray for

- Ruth would love for you to pray Galatians 6:9 for her: "And do not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up."



- With the arrival of Thea and increased responsibilities at work, partnership development has taken a back seat. Please pray for new opportunities, new partners and new financial commitments. Our goal is to reach 50% by the end of 2018.

### Something Significant

We have reached a significant point in our partnership development journey: we have come to the end of our "short list" of obvious asks. This is super exciting! Now we need to expand our network. We have had three new supporters join the team and that has put us over our 25% marker (!), but we still have 75% left to raise.

Would you begin to pray about a person or group who you think should know about your involvement with TWR through your partnership with us? Then would you please consider sending them the following invitation (or something like it)?

"Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

*I wanted to let you know that we have become part of what God is doing through TWR; helping to nurture and grow the Body of Christ around the world. We really think that you would be blessed to hear and perhaps join us in what God is about in the world.*

*I'd like to introduce you to Benjamin and Ruth Tangeman who are missionaries with TWR. Can I connect you?"*

We know that this is not an easy or light thing that we are asking you to consider. It's probably the highest level of investment in ministry partnership. We are very humbly asking this of you because making new connections is one of the biggest needs we have right now.

Many thanks for all your prayer and for your part in supporting the awesome things that God is doing in and through us all!

*Benjamin, Ruth, P, E, T*