

the Tangemans

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Every morning at TWR offices around the world we gather as a staff and spend time encouraging each other and praying. We pray for the ministry, for one another and for you – our supporters. At the end of February, I (Benjamin) led one such devotion time with the staff in Cary. It drew from Colossians 3:12-17 – where Paul is encouraging the Colossians believers to put on the “new self” with attributes such as “compassionate hearts, kindness, humility...bearing with one another.” Each attribute makes us better at the one we are supposed to put on “above all these...love.” The idea of bearing with one another jumped out at me – and this was my exhortation to the staff:

“...no matter where you are on the journey of your life you are here, now, to invest into those next to you, ahead of you, and behind you.

If you have more experience or life behind you - please share with those whose experience is different. Don't keep your knowledge, skill and wisdom to yourself. If you are "up and coming" - be humble, ask good questions, listen well. Find your God-made "unfair advantage" and ply it to the glory of God and the strengthening of one another.

Bear with one another - we have the privilege of being more than co-workers and being filled with more than the spirit of this age. You are a gift from God to those around you.

I'm glad to be part of this heritage with all of you - and proud to be part of shaping legacy for the next generation.”

We hope that you always remember the amazing things that God is doing through TWR and through your partnership – You're as much a part of the heritage and future legacy of TWR as the people we rub shoulders with each day. Thank you for bearing with us – for your compassionate hearts, patience, kindness and *love!*

A Special Announcement:

- March 4th marked the end of the first trimester of our fourth child..... we're pregnant! The baby is due sometime in mid-September. More to come.



The (rest of the) Happenings:



- **Temple Baptist's 50th Annual Missions Conference** - We have just arrived home from our second deputation trip visiting Temple Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Virginia. It was such an honor to be part of the five-day-long event and see the fruit of some of the 119 missionaries that they support. We are hoping to add them to our partnership team as our first supporting church. The kids did great – the makings of great MKs.
- **Projects, projects, projects** - Benjamin has been working on several major projects as part of his new role as Deputy Director of Global IT/IS:
 - Migrating all our major financial and data systems to a cloud solutions provider.
 - Writing business plans for several major projects for Asia in the coming years.
 - Creating a communications strategy for IT related development and training for our global staff.

- Preparing for the 2021 Budget season for Global Technical Services – Engineering, IT/IS, Digital Solutions and Data Stewardship.
- **Who said having a baby is easy?** - This has been the hardest pregnancy for Ruth to date. The last three months have been really challenging for her as she manages not feeling well most of the time with homeschooling and the general responsibilities of keeping our household running. Please pray for her!
- **Thea celebrated her second birthday!** She’s such a fantastic little person. Her name, Thea Ushahidi, means “Testimony of God’s blessing” – she lives up to her name daily.
- **Baby!** - All the kids are super excited about the new baby. Penny has really stepped up in her attentiveness to Ruth’s needs and has taken on more responsibilities caring for her and the other two kids. She’s a fantastic little “mother’s helper.”



The Prayer

- Please continue to pray for our neighborhood buddy – Ja’bari. He still spends at least four nights a week at our house (conveniently around suppertime). He’s really beginning to open up and have conversations. Please pray for us as we continue to share Jesus with him. Pray that he is saved!
- Pray for our neighbor Jackie. She lost her husband back in December – very suddenly. We have been taking that opportunity to practice a little “true religion” and develop a relationship with her. We are excited to show her the love of Jesus and teach her about the hope and peace she can find in him.
- Let’s continue to pray for the COVID-19 situation. TWR has been busy producing programming to share with people in the highly affected countries of the world. It’s such a great time to demonstrate the love and hope that we have in Jesus. Feel free to share this special [program](#) with people that you feel may benefit from the truth that Jesus is the King and no Virus can usurp his throne – even if it does have a crown.

Remember Colossians 3:15, “And let the peace of Christ *rule* in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.” All the attributes and the love that we have in Christ are meant to produce a peace that rules our hearts. “Rules” literally means “arbiter” – the peace of Christ (who is our peace) should be the North Star we use to navigate the fray of these chaotic days and weeks.



If there are any special ways that we can pray for you, please let us know. We are always excited to connect with you outside of these “regularly scheduled broadcasts.”

We love you all – thank you for being with us, as always.

Be at peace,

Penny, Ruth,
Penny, Emmett & Thea