



December 6, 2018

Dear loved ones:

Let me (Marti) begin by saying how loved you are by us. I often think that the English language doesn't have enough words to adequately express just how important and treasured you are by Dale and me.

This year has brought us treasures – two beautiful grandbaby girls from our daughters Adah and Anna. We are smitten and charmed.

In September we attended the TLM graduation in Kenya, so now we will only make annual consulting visits. About 3 years ago, TLM held its graduation in a more southern African country. Since then, they have continued to expand on their own, even though the inflation rate is 400%. In one city, they have multiplied TLM leaders from 3 to 592. There are 425 small groups with over 3,000 members! One TLM woman-leader's 19 year-old daughter was kidnapped by a criminal gang that sold body parts. The stress on her was extreme as she was asked to view dismembered bodies to see if one was her daughter. For 3 months, her daughter was drugged. The good news is the police found her. When the hospital examined her, they found that she had not been molested. The mother is very thankful for the TLM family and all the love and support she has received. She is a church planter. From 2013 to 2018, *she has planted 81 house churches in 9 towns, with over 1,000 people involved.* She said, "We evaluated our churches. One-third of the people were formerly churched, and two-thirds did not have a Christian background."

As 2018 comes to a close, would you consider giving a special gift to our ministry so that we can continue this important work of training pastors like this TLM leader? Gifts to our ministry in 2018 have averaged a shortfall of nearly \$1,200 each month and we are asking the Lord to provide \$10,000. You have been so gracious over the years, and for that we give

thanks to the Lord. If you are able to help, please donate online at <http://give.cru.org/0100157> and follow the instructions. Your gift will enable us to fill in for some of those short months and keep investing our lives in building God's kingdom here on planet Earth.

May your Christmas be full of joy, overflowing to all around you, especially to your families and to those who don't yet know the saving power of the Lord Jesus.

In love,

Dale and **Marti**