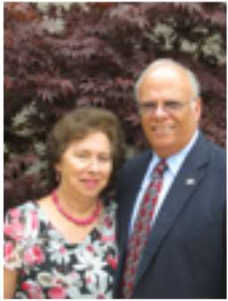


Millers' Memo

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord," Luke 2:11.

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Our **Millers' Memos** have been few and far between this year. Mary Ann continues to do a lot of work by computer for BLF. At this point, we don't know when we'll be able to travel again, either in the States or taking a team to France.

As a follow-up from our August issue, Russ continues to do well, although he is finding he can't work as hard and as long as he used to. We went to Cocoa Beach one weekend to pick up the things Russ had taken for the boat trip. Dan and Jan took us for a nighttime ride on the boat through the waterways around Merritt Island, so we could see the bio luminescence in the water at night. Anything that moves in the water lights up. This happens for about 6 weeks every fall.

Our Bible Study Group will finish our study of Revelation on January 12. It has been eye-opening and fear-calming for several of them and is helping all of us to be ready to meet Jesus when He returns for His own and the Tribulation period will begin.

Some of the families in our church homeschool their children, but we've never been involved with them. Thursday mornings they meet at the church to learn sports, do art projects and activities that require the

participation of several kids. The teenagers also had a class to learn about missions. The leader told us that all the missionaries they have studied are no longer living and she wanted them to meet some living missionaries, so she invited us to come and speak with them. They wrote a list of questions they wanted us to answer and we enjoyed our time interacting with them.

With Downing's living only 1 ½ hours from us, we're easily able to get together. Their entire family plus Scott's sister Shelly came to celebrate Thanksgiving with us. We enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner together.

Except for Shelly, they came again for Christmas dinner. None of us had eaten cheese fondue for a long time. Russ learned to make it from our good friend

Bernard Gerber while we lived in Switzerland to learn French. So he made it for our Christmas dinner and we all ate until we were stuffed!

Four of our grandchildren stayed overnight and the next day they worked hard, helping us clean up the tree that Russ had downed which extended across our

driveway. It was an 85 ft. pine tree and left branches and debris to be cleaned up. They chain sawed the branches and the trunk into logs. They also pulled down parts that had lodged on other trees as it fell. The kids hauled everything to the burn pile and cleaned up all the bits and pieces. A huge job completed in one day!

We will go to Downing's for New Year's Day.





Ron & Shannon



Ron just completed 3.5 years of Africa policy work in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and departed to Israel mid-December. He is now getting settled into his new role as Army Attache at the U.S. Embassy. Shannon and the girls remain in PA to finish out the school year and will join him when the situation allows. Kira & Laina love their school in PA, are learning a lot, growing and thriving. Shannon's psychotherapy practice, Apricity Behavioral Health, continues to grow as the pandemic continues to take a severe toll on mental health around the world. She remains very busy.



Jon & Heather

Samaritan's Purse asked Jon to be their Regional Operations Manager, locating in Kampala, Uganda. The region includes northeast Congo, Uganda, and South Sudan. They left the States in early October. Jon has been swamped with work. More staff are being hired.

Heather and the children are slowly settling into their new home. The kids love their new school and often talk about it as their highlight of the day.



Scott & Suze

Downings have been busy the past few months with speaking engagements, both in person and virtually. They are currently enjoying having Selah home from Liberty University, as she finished up her first semester online in the nursing program.

Scott and Suze stay connected to Chad, their friends, and various projects. Progress is being made on reaching out to organizations for grants to fund the approved building of a pedestrian bridge across the dangerous Salamat river that floods every year. Watch this 4-minute video of the project at TEAM's website: <http://www.team.org/chad-bridge>

The Downing family has also been privileged to purchase land in Virginia (a joint effort with Ron's and Jon's families). They hope to build a small home and settle Audrey there before returning to Chad for their next term.



The reason Jesus was born on earth as a human being is so that He could grow up and teach us God's principles for our lives while living a sinless life, then offer His life to suffer and die to pay our punishment for our sins. Our celebration of Jesus' birth has been meaningful and we trust that yours has too. Thank you for your friendship and your prayers on behalf of our family.

May the Lord bless you abundantly in 2021!

Happy New Year!