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It has been a blessing to visit so many churches over the last two months. We have been refreshed renewed and encouraged by the preaching of God's Word. Sometimes it is good to be reminded that God has faithful people who are serving him in many places we do not see, sometimes around the world and sometimes at the church down the road. God has used his people to minister to us in so many ways and we thank Him for it.

Our goal is to go full time on the road in March. There are challenges to scheduling meetings that we did not face when we prepared to go to Germany. The advent of cell phones makes it more difficult to reach pastors are more reluctant to have a guest missionary on Sunday morning. Some pastors have led their people to support mission projects instead of long-term missionaries. Additionally, many Baptist churches have become non-denominational. All of these factors have made deputation more difficult for missionaries.

We are eager to GO full-time on the deputation trail. We have been busy making preparation, but there is still much to do. We are trying to get the mind of the Lord on whether to rent out our house sell it. We have sought advice and opinions vary but we have left several church services with the impression that God is moving us to sell. This week we were visiting a church when an old friend and great preacher walked into Sunday School. It was good to see George and his wife Carla. George had come as a guest speaker as the church's pastor had recently passed away. George has a construction business and has offered to consult with us on our options and help us prepare to do whatever is necessary. It was such an encouragement when Carla said, "You don't need to worry about all of this, and that you don't know how to do it. Every time you need something, it is going to show up. God will take care of it and you will be free to go."



It was our desire to go to the Solomon Islands in January but we were unable. We believe the delay was of the Lord. In December our youngest, David, had a sudden onset of blurry vision and a severe headache. The emergency room doctor was not able to find the cause but our chiropractor thinks David had a migraine due to scoliosis. We are in the process of getting a second opinion to determine what steps we will need to take for his care. David has not had any other related health problems that we have seen. We are praying that in the second doctor will give David a clean bill of health and that the first doctor will concur.

The hardest part of deputation to almost every missionary is desiring to be somewhere else and we are no exception. Every day we are in the United States, is another day missionaries somewhere are waiting on the help they have requested from us. We are praying that God will allow us to make two trips this year in the course of our deputation. The first would be to Zambia in May and the second would be the postponed the Solomon Islands this summer. God has already begun supplying monies for a trip to the Solomon Islands. Every day we are mindful of the open opportunities to reach the deaf with the gospel.

Pray God will increase our support and raise the funds for these trips so we can begin to reach the lost while it is yet day. The night is coming when no man can work.

Your Hands to the Deaf Worldwide,

John, Tricia, Amanda and David Olson

*... Go ye into all the world, and preach
the gospel to every creature.*

MARK 16:15



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