



Our Work for the Lord wherever there is opportunity - May 2019

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Dear brethren and friends,

To all of those who have supported us – monetarily, prayerfully and with other encouragement – it has been a wonderful relationship. You have treated us so very well. Some of you have travelled with us on our wonderful life-journey since 1975. We cannot say enough about your consistent love and concern for us and the Lord’s work. We have never lacked in any way. Your prayers have lifted us up to God in sickness, danger, upheaval, and discouragement; and the Lord has answered those prayers in amazing ways that we know about – and probably many other ways we do not even know. When I asked congregations/individuals to continue their support through these past eight months to tide us over until our retirement investment matured, (the month Linda turns 65), every single one was graciously generous to do this. We and our entire family are so very grateful.

IMPORTANT! **In this newsletter:**

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Since we knew that neither of us would be eligible for social security (since I was a non-resident alien and Linda was not earning income), we have for many years saved the part of our income that would normally have been deducted from our salary had we lived in the USA. Some congregations actually supported us beyond what we asked, specifically so that we could save for retirement. Because of the way brethren have been so wonderful about our support, we are now able to say, “Thank-you from the bottom of our hearts. The Lord has blessed us so that we believe we will now be able to live on what our investment will provide.” Lord willing, Linda will turn 65 in July, so, to the churches who support us -- **your last support check to us can be in June.** If the Lord gives us an opportunity in the future, we strongly desire to visit each of you and thank you personally.

Working for the Lord, including preaching and teaching, is not simply a job from which one “retires,” but a way of life we hope to continue for many more years. We are thankful for the opportunities that the Kirkwood congregation has given us to serve: preaching, teaching, meet-ups, etc. We do also still write articles for our website and have other kinds of contact with our African brethren. One specific future hope that we have is, depending on Linda’s mother and our own health and strength, to travel again to Africa and spend several weeks there, even several weeks each year. We kept our camper and our car so that we will be able to do this. In order to do this, we will need extra financial help, but will let brethren know of that if/when the time comes.

Linda’s mother continues to deteriorate cognitively, although her physical body remains quite strong. We anticipate that it is a matter of a few weeks and she will no longer be allowed to stay where she is. At that time the plan is for her to move into our home. Linda and I have taken some classes to help us cope. Linda’s brother, the brethren at Kirkwood, your prayers, and most of all, the Lord Himself will be of good support in her care.

“Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ... The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.” – 2 Cor.13:11,14. With love, Les and Linda Maydell