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For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. —James 4:15

As I am sure the case is for most of you, I have come to more fully appreciate the words above from James's epistle. I have read these words many times throughout my life and ministry, and having always given a head-nod toward God's sovereignty. But 2020 has certainly made this verse come alive to me. We can do nothing apart from His will. Therefore, we are left to appeal to His Almighty hand through prayer.

On Monday, July 21, while we were in the process of doing some welding work on the top, some sparks fell down inside one of our storage containers. A fire quickly engulfed the contents of the storage container, and we lost the bunk beds for our Youth Camp. All the bunkbeds were burned up, with their mattresses. We lost the majority of our Camp Supplies. All together, it will cost about \$25,000 to replace everything that was lost in that fire. Two churches quickly jumped in when they found out about the fire through social media, and they graciously gave toward the project. We have now received 26% of what it will take to build new bunkbeds and rebuild our Youth Camp materials. God has used the Youth Camp in a tremendous way over the last several years, and we are certain that He will raise up the needed materials for next year's camp.



Becky and I brought our youngest daughter Hannah to the States in July, with the express purpose of getting her settled in as a student at Bob Jones University in their musical theatre program. She has really impressed us and others at her abilities; and we are very proud of her. This makes us "empty-nesters" now. I remember the prayer letter that we wrote a little over 20 years ago when we announced the birth of our first-born. Here we are all these years later, and we will again sign this prayer letter as "Matt and Becky" instead of "Matt, Becky, and the girls."

Becky and I will be returning to PNG, Lord willing, on Tuesday, September 1st. Please pray with us about a smooth transition, which includes the pending government approvals throughout this weekend. We look forward to being home, as the Lord wills.

Sincerely,

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