

# **RED BIRD REFLECTIONS**

## **Fogleman Family**

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*“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” 2 Corinthians 9:15*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this newsletter, Thanksgiving Day and weekend have come and gone. We had an enjoyable time just sharing and feasting with Lynn’s family here at Red Bird. It was the first time we had ever spent a Thanksgiving weekend here—hosting family members. It was good to have time for togetherness and rest. But, more importantly, we were reminded of all the many blessings that the Lord has given us. We are blessed with a loving family, and with the many friends like you whom God has brought our way over the years. And, as Christmas approaches, we are grateful especially for God’s indescribable gift of Jesus!

Our oldest son, Kurt, was the only immediate family member who was not here with us for Thanksgiving. He did get to go to Sharon’s family’s home in Iowa City, IA. We are looking forward to seeing him soon, though, in mid-December when he has finished all finals at Simpson College in Indianola, IA. So, our entire immediate family will be together at Christmas. We will get to go up to Sharon’s sister Pam’s home in Evanston, IL on Christmas Eve. We are looking forward to this Goodwin family reunion time, and later (hopefully), a Fogleman family reunion on New Year’s weekend in NC. But it will be especially important for us to spend this time with Kurt, as he is preparing to leave for his last international trip during his college career. This time, he is going to spend an entire semester with a Simpson College group—living and studying in Thailand. He leaves in early January on this Asian adventure during which he will learn much about Thai language and culture. He is very excited about this trip, and we are so excited for him. He will arrive back at Simpson in mid-May—about 3 days before graduation. We are so proud of Kurt and his interest in people of other cultures. We believe that God is ultimately leading him to an area of service where he will be used as a blessing to many.

We are grateful that our second-born son, Mark, was able to join us at Thanksgiving for rest and refreshment from the rigors of freshman studies at the University of Kentucky. We are so proud of his willingness to work hard at his difficult studies, as he contemplates a possible career in engineering. He is still exploring this idea and has a tough spring semester lined up already. We are glad that he will get to go to Evanston with us for the holidays.

Joella, our daughter, is doing well. She is doing much better in her studies and has already started her basketball season. She scored 12 points in the season opener! She has also participated in the Kentucky All-Festival Choir held in Williamsburg, KY the first half of the week of Thanksgiving. She had a lively guest conductor for the 3-day event, and her choir sang some wonderful music—some of which originated from her home continent of Africa. We are so proud of Joella and her many accomplishments.

Sharon and I are doing well. The clinic work has been much more reasonable since the arrival of Dolores Cox—the nurse practitioner who was mentioned in our last newsletter.

Dolores has been such a hard worker, and has been so well received by the community, that we have had more time to be involved in extra activities. Lynn has continued on in his role as Scoutmaster for our local Boy Scout troop. Sharon recently organized United Methodist Women's spiritual life retreats: one for the youth of the Red Bird Missionary Conference, and another for the UMW women themselves. Both of us are on the Red Bird Valley Community Board, which has several fund-raising events lined up for the procurement of our fitness center architectural plans.

The Red Bird Mission has experienced several major personnel changes over the last few months. One of the most significant of these has been the resignation of our Executive Director Fred Haggard in November. He and his wife Pat have moved to Raleigh, NC to be nearer their oldest son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter. The Haggards have served here at Red Bird faithfully and effectively for nearly 15 years. Their continuity of service has meant so much to stabilization of the mission services over the years. We are grateful not only for that dedicated service, but for their deep friendship in Christ. We wish them well in their new area of service. Craig Dial is serving as interim Executive Director, until interviews for a new one can be held.

Another personnel slot that desperately needs to be filled is that of Director of Finance. Please continue to pray with us that the Lord will send the right person for the job. You could play a vital role in His plan. If you know someone with accounting/business background and a heart for missions, please direct them to Chris Klimecko, Human Resources Officer ([cklimecko@rbmission.org](mailto:cklimecko@rbmission.org)).

Although we mentioned it in our last newsletter, the financial situation at the mission (especially for the school) is in desperate need of help. You faithful friends and supporting churches have assisted Red Bird so much in the past. And we must count on you again to assist to keep all of our ministries going. As the Lord directs your hearts, please consider a year-end gift (of whatever size you can afford) to the Red Bird Mission (Advance Special #773726), the Red Bird Mission School (#773728), or the Red Bird Clinic (#773724).

Thank you all for your prayers and support over these many years. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Most Blessed Christmas, and a New Year filled to overflowing with the peace that only Jesus can bring.

In His Love and Service,

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