



# A walk with Roly and Cristina

December 2022

## No Christmas trees but we have Elephants!



A very special Christmas greeting to all of you from both of us. We will be here in Ghana over the Christmas and New Year time. It is 31 degrees today and very muggy; no snow, no Christmas lights, and no turkey this year.



We are so grateful to the Lord for our extended time in Canada this last year. We loved getting together with many of you; thank you again for your care, love and hospitality. We also had the opportunity to get together with some of Roly's family; it had been many years since a last get together.



As we mentioned in our last prayer letter, we had our house up for sale for a couple months. It didn't sell, so we took it off the market. The Lord in all of this as He has provided a beautiful young couple to take care of it while we are away. We now can be away knowing that it is being cared for and when we come back, we still have a place to lay our heads. Oh, the Lord's ways are always higher than our ways. (Isaiah 55)

We now see the

We just arrived back to Ghana last week, coming from a 3-week International Conference in Thailand and then 2 weeks in Ethiopia. The conference was very inspiring and a time of renewal for us, but it was extremely busy with meetings and discussions with our leaders from all over the world. In Ethiopia, we had two agendas: Member Care for one of our couples that returned to Ethiopia for health reasons and to reconnect with 3 churches and their leaders to discuss areas of collaboration. We feel that the Lord blessed our time there and we feel many doors are open for ourselves and our teams in the future. We are praying that the Lord raise up liaison workers to be stationed in the capital, Addis to establish a base for solid partnerships.



For the next month in Ghana, we have a young couple living with us. They are now serving in Sierra Leone, but have come here to visit family. We will be mentoring them over this time to see if they can be our workers on the ground in Sierra Leone. Pray that the Lord would confirm to us and them that this is the way forward.

In January, of the new year, we will be part of 2 conferences. The first one is in Ghana, where our team will come together to discuss issues and vision for the future. Our team

here has grown a great deal and we trust this will be a good time to unite ourselves in Christ and seek the Lord for His strategies for mobilizing more workers to go. The second conference will be in Sao Tome and Principe. We have been invited to be the speakers at a 3-day mission conference. Pray for us as we prepare; all the materials need to be in translated into Portuguese; we are brushing up Portuguese, the best we can, as well!

Amid all the meetings, traveling and planning for the months ahead, we are doing generally well. We have our over 60 aches and pains and Roly, for some reason, struggles with lower blood pressure when he is in the heat and humidity of Ghana. He tries to eat more salt, drink lots of water and coffee! Pray for this to level out soon. I think our biggest struggle and sacrifice is now being away from home, our kids, **GRANDKIDS**, and friends. Like never before, we daily need to remember who has called us and trust in Him for a special grace.



We miss you all and covet your prayers and support. May the Joy of Jesus and the Hope of Him coming again fill your minds and hearts during this Christmas time and going into the New Year.

### **Praise and Prayer Points:**

- We praise God for a wonderful, refreshing time in Canada with family and friends
- We praise God for the young couple that has moved in to take care of our home
- We ask you to pray for our health as we travel from country to country
- Pray for us as we speak at conferences, with interested candidates and church leaders; that the Holy Spirit would convict hearts and empower people to go and be sent
- Pray for us as we visit our teams in the coming months, that we would help them build up their teams and help them plan for the coming year.

*Serving with you, that the Nations may hear and turn to the Lord.*

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