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UP IN THE AIR

This Newsletter

As I write this newsletter, I find myself some 30,000 feet or so up in the air. I am flying with my eighteen-year-old son, who is moving to the U.S. When we touch down in about three hours or so, my wife and I will have a total of six sons, four daughters, three sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, five grandsons, and five granddaughters all living in the U.S. This only leaves us with two daughters and four sons still living with us on the field. The kids seem to be growing up at the speed of this plane.

This Trip

The trip itself was “up in the air” until the last minute, as the country in which we serve is reintroducing lockdowns and travel restrictions. Sometimes it seems as if everything is “up in the air” lately. I only expect to stay in the U.S. for two weeks but will be traveling throughout Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, as well as flying down to Texas to preach and visit our son in Bible college at Lone Star Baptist College. Pray, as I will be preaching in a handful of churches, as well as a couple of Bible colleges, including my alma mater. Pray also that my return flight won’t be postponed.

New Team Families

We are so excited that another family has joined our team. The family landed April 1 and already has housing. A fourth family is hoping to come soon, but their plans are also “up in the air,” as they come from Mexico, one of the countries presently hit the worst by the pandemic. Another matter that is “up in the air” is residence visas. My wife and one of our daughters just received two-year renewals, but my visa, the visas for five of our children, the visas for the new family, and the visas for the family on the way are all “up in the air.” We believe that God has big plans for the Middle East and are thrilled to serve Him there, even in these uncertain times.

As we see wicked men and seducers wax worse and worse, I hope we are all reminded to lift up our heads and look up into the air with hope and expectation—our redemption draweth nigh! One of these days, we’re going to meet the Lord up in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord!

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