



CROSS Purposes

A Report from
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To our Purpose-filled Partners

We have enjoyed 21+ years of service with Mission to the World (MTW) but have now decided that the time is drawing near for our ministry to take a new direction, and we wanted you to know about our plans for the next year or so.

Late next winter both Barbara and I will turn 70, and though our health remains good (apart from a few annoying things that develop with age) we know that we cannot keep up the pace we think this job deserves for much longer.

The Process of Transition

We talked with those who are over us in MTW a couple of months ago about what we wanted to do. With that approval we put our house on the market. It is not a good time to sell a house in England, and the process here can be very troublesome. (Some of you may remember the distress we went through in the move from Chelmsford to Worcester nine years ago). *Pray for the timely sale of our house.* If our house does not sell we will have to live in England for some time, but if it sells we will move back to the US.

We have written to our supporting churches to get information that will help us to plan our final Home Ministry Assignment (HMA) which will begin sometime this autumn. MTW encourages those who are making this kind of transition to report back to supporters in person. Since we have about 35 supporting churches scattered from Nova Scotia to Mississippi, it will take several months to visit them all. We also have many individual supporters who we hope to see along the way. We will need to find a place to stay and car to drive. Pray for the planning of our HMA and the execution of that plan.

By the time our HMA ends we hope to have decided where we will live and perhaps have some new area of ministry to do that will be suitable to this stage of life. *Pray for wisdom in the many decisions that we will have to make.*

In the Meantime...

For the next few months I will continue as the Country Coordinator England and Wales and the Leader of Team Britain. In that role I will continue to meet with team members to coach them on the work they are doing and to meet with our partner churches, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales and the International Presbyterian Church. There are a few projects that we want to have clearly defined before I leave the field. In addition to keeping the house prepared to show to prospective buyers, Barbara will continue with her ministry of writing. (In response to many requests, she is planning a short series of booklets containing articles and studies she has prepared). *Pray for our continued ministry to team members and partner churches.*

MTW is in the process of finding a replacement for me as the team leader and country coordinator. *Pray for the right person to be found to take over this ministry.*

Let's Finish Well Together

We want to thank you for your partnership with us over these 21 years. In all that time our support account has never gone into the red, and rarely have we had to ask for more support. That financial support will be needed until sometime in 2012. In answer to your prayers we have seen our partner churches grow – the EPCEW went from 4 to 13 churches in England and Wales, and the IPC went from 2 English language churches to 7. Both denominations have a vision for planting many more churches and MTW will continue to be a part of that effort. *Please continue your involvement in the work of God's Kingdom in the United Kingdom.*



D&B Cross with the Blue Bells in the Malvern Hills

With Thanks for your Prayers and Support
David L Cross

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