



One Another



Ministries International

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*Remember, Rejoice and Give Thanks!
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Greetings from Montpellier. It is Thanksgiving month in the States, and so to jump-start that favorite holiday, I hope you will enjoy the report of all that has been happening the past few months.

Yesterday was more than just *11-11-11* here in Europe. We celebrated Armistice Day (known as *Remembrance Day*), commemorating the agreement signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany. The word actually means “*a cessation of hostilities as a prelude to peace.*” We not see the enemy slowing down his tactics here in Europe (a very spiritually dark domain), but I am happy to serve here by helping Christian soldiers shine their light brightly. Thank you for enabling me to do that regardless of *change and challenge* all around us.

And *change is an interesting word for me lately.* Here is a glimpse of recent events:

August -Summer provided excellent opportunities to connect with and train Christian workers throughout Europe. Many traveled thousands of miles to find encouragement and tools for their present ministries. In addition, we also prepared for two major things **you were praying about:**

- An exploratory trip to the U.K. to look at a potential ministry center, discuss possibilities, and decide if this will work for us and for those we serve.
- Upon our return, we finished packing our training materials and headed for an extended ministry trip to Romania. It was a privilege to work with this group of people who, in turn, work with thousands of children throughout Romania. Just take a look at these happy faceshard workers, but a fun group of people.



Out of 96 people gathered, 56 were full time workers. Their feedback was confirmation of how God uses His truth to equip, encourage and uplift. The timing and choice of the materials was amazing. Pray for those serving in post-communist Europe as they still face many challenges.

September -

- *New beginnings for One Another Ministries!* After much prayer by our team, board, and many of you, we have the “go-ahead” and confirmation of God’s provision of a facility for us to use – praise the Lord! We can continue and increase our service here in Europe due to this new location. We will be located in **Cannock, England** (Staffordshire - in the Midlands). The property is owned by the Rawlings Foundation and in cooperation and partnership with them, we will be able to provide services and training for many more missionaries and national Christian workers here in Europe *and beyond.* The location is ideally accessible to

several airports and train stations that connect to many parts of Europe and the surrounding regions – *a major answer to prayer!* **This will be our new base of operations!**

Not only will it provide us with **space for training** teams, **space for extra offices** and staff, but also **guests space** - *all under the same roof*. We are grateful God has opened this door and entrusted us with the opportunity to reach and train many. This provision also confirms our passion for proactive and responsive work. I want to thank you all for praying for this provision. Please join us in rejoicing!

- On the isle of Guernsey again, the **One Another Paraklesis Retreat** was a great success and blessing for all who attended. Just look at this terrific group of leaders who are impacting their world:



The topics were relevant, the interaction healthy and the worship meaningful and challenging. The participants made life long friends and enjoyed a little pampering, too. Here are just a few of comments to me personally:

- "How can we begin to thank you for all your hard work in preparing and pulling off such a wonderful retreat for us. We were stunned to be loved on so much!"
- "Thank you so much for your encouragement, precious spirit, prayers, and insight into community and single serving (my topics). Thank you, too, for sharing your stories of life and how God has worked. We look forward to your move to the U.K." (We will have continued fellowship with these folks now - how good of God!)
- "Thank you for caring for our souls and enabling us to better serve our personnel. The topics were so good."

Praise to God and thanks to you for praying for this event; **your intercession matters**. And thanks for the donor who gave to make it possible, and the churches who got involved by sending boxes of gifts for the participants. Your sacrifices and generosity were so appreciated by them and us!

October 18th - Anniversary - personally remembering and rejoicing!

On this day eleven years ago, I landed in Toulouse to begin full time service in France with One Another Ministries. Most of you were with me back then... and have tracked with me all these years. *What a blessing you have been!* This anniversary was a keen reminder that the **next phase of ministry will increase our investment; yours and mine**. With this relocation to another country, I find myself with a familiar prayer list. Here is what lies ahead:

1. **Paper work and the visa application** - please pray specifically for

- a) Timing and acquisition of all necessary documents (**sponsorship certificates**, and necessary papers to accompany application forms)
- b) Timing of appointments to meet with officials as we request visas
- c) Ask that the visas be granted in a timely manner. (We cannot enter the U.K. until these are granted.) Pray this process goes smoothly for God's glory.

2. **Personal housing** - while we have lovely guests space provided at the training center, we now need to find personal rental housing close to the facility. We spent time late October doing a house search, but I have nothing as yet. The Lugars are waiting for their application to be approved. Pray we all may be located exactly where God wants us. Here is a similar prayer request you have heard before: pray for the *right place, right space, right price and the right timing*.

3. **Packing** - once again I find myself in packaging tape and boxes. The moving trucks will be arriving respectively December 1st and 12th. Everything must be boxed and each piece of furniture wrapped. I wish we had about 5 of you here to help us in this process, but would you ask God to supply the help we need? Yesterday I had two friends call to say they would come help for 3 days. I can't tell you how encouraging that was! I recall how God supplied people around me when I packed to move to Europe. I remember a terrific group of men in Lynchburg who helped me load the container in less than 3 hours. God will help me again, and I know He cares for us single women and provides what we need. Pray the process will be done well, that we will stay healthy (with healthy backs), and that God will protect His things as they journey to the U.K. My things will go in storage until I secure a place to live.

A little story: While in the U.K. last month, we attended a seminar challenging us in several aspects of stewardship. The presenter smiled as he said "We know it is more blessed to give than to receive, right? Well then, as missionaries, *welcome to the 'less blessed life'!*"

The jest brought home a lesson. Missionaries *receive* to do the work of God. Those *called to go* must depend on *those called to give*; there are benefits and necessity for us all. Thank you for being faithful partners who have stayed with me these years. You have reflected God's glory – not just to me, but to the thousands we have served and helped. Your gifts have exponentially circled the globe and no part is too small. Thanks for remembering these requests and needs at this time. Share them with others. Your love and generosity mean so much.

With thanksgiving – and very blessed, indeed,



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