

Bentleys' Update – May '25

Dear Friends,

We trust you are having a Happy Mothers' Day. It's a good opportunity to honor those who have invested so much love and toil in our lives. Last weekend Lucinda and I, along with the rest of her family, had the opportunity to honor her mom at the celebration of life service for her mom, Wilma Rowe, who passed away on February 2nd. Lucinda and her other four siblings had parts in the service, singing, reading her mom's favorite Bible passages, reading some of her poetry and more. Lucinda's dad, Otis, had asked our son Donnie to give the eulogy at the service. Donnie drew his material for the eulogy directly from Lucinda's mom's journals. It was an incredible eulogy of an incredible life, and we trust God to use it in the lives of all of us present that day.



Lucinda and I returned from meetings of the Pioneers Regional Leaders from around the globe, which we held in Indonesia.

We were able to debrief some pressing international trends and needs, and plan for the coming months. God's Spirit was present, as was His leading in the planning. The days were super encouraging. Unfortunately, the final night some virus started its grip – just in time for the travels back – hours in a vehicle to the airport and then several days/nights to cover the 24 hours flying time plus connections on the trip. By the time we got back the virus, some type of respiratory flu, had a firm grip. For 7 days we did some serious dragging. We're still low on energy. Pray for our energy tank to get closer to full, as we start the next trip to meetings on Wednesday.

Once a year, as the Regional Leader of the Americas Region in Pioneers, we hold meetings together in person as a group with all of the 5 Area Leaders of North, Mid and South America and the spouses who are able to come around home and kids' schedules. We planned the meetings to take place this year in Maine, as it makes for shorter travel for the Area Leader of Canada who lives in Nova Scotia. His time at this season is at a premium. As well as the normal material to cover of Area and Team development, training, pressing personnel needs, plans for the coming year, we need to progress further with the reconfiguring of our Americas Region into two Regions and what leadership will best serve the two Regions. As we mentioned in our previous update, constant growth in number of teams and personnel, countries where we serve, etc. necessitate this change so we can best serve those we lead and embrace more ministry opportunities.

Please pray:

- Energy to come back fully
- Meetings w/ the 5 Area Leaders – travel to and from
- Reconfiguration of the Americas Region into two separate Regions

In Christ's love,

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