



Same Work - Different Direction

I didn't send you a letter over the summer, but despite that, the Lord has been at work! First, I need to let you know about somewhat of a change in my ministry through CrossWay International. Earlier this year I decided to stop making trips overseas. Over the last couple years it has become evident that when I am out of reach of my family (i.e., more than a day away), the potential of health problems arising with my wife or our special needs son has become an issue. A couple years ago my son, Sean, experienced a semi-serious health episode, and I was forced to cut my out-of-country trip short and return a day early in order to get home to help. Because of this development, CrossWay has been wonderfully supportive in allowing me to schedule shorter trips, but the need for me to stay closer to home has continued to be a pressing concern.

Dean Chollar, CrossWay's founder/CEO (and my dear friend and brother in the Lord) tells me he still wants me to continue in my role as *International Training Specialist*, but do it from the good old U.S. of A. So, since I finished writing the text of two discipleship booklets in the Spring, I've kept busy doing the following:

1. I've been reviewing books Crossway wants feedback on before deciding to use them in our outreach both in America and overseas (I'm currently going through a New Testament commentary we may recommend and supply to foreign pastors),
2. I taught a multi-session church class on Evangelism earlier in the summer,
3. I am currently leading the marriage relationship couples' seminar I designed for CrossWay, *Loving You*, as a series of Sunday School classes in my home church,
4. I have plans to head up to New York in the near future for an overnight visit with some of CrossWay's faithful supporters. We will explore effective ways to stand up for and defend correct Scripture interpretation in today's divisive climate,
5. And I will soon be involved in helping to arrange the printing and publication of *The Road Ahead* and *Backroads*, the two discipleship booklets I mentioned above.



Regarding those booklets; though not yet published, I've been using them nonetheless to help people on their Christian growth journeys. Just last week I had a gentleman to whom I sent them tell me he immediately read through almost the entire text of both booklets (each one around 40 to 50 pages) and said they were just what he needed.

In light of the fact that I will no longer need to be financing trips to Africa or Central America, some of you may feel the Lord leading you to redirect some of your giving from my support elsewhere. I understand that, and would encourage you who are so inclined to consider giving to CrossWay's general fund. This is one of the most fruitful and productive ministries I'm aware of in regards to directly reaching people with the gospel and seeing them come to Christ. The Lord has blessed CrossWay's efforts just this year with hundreds of people responding to our gospel outreaches by receiving Jesus Christ as their personal Savior! Though I will be continuing my own part in this valuable work from here in America, the personal impact of Crossway will continue just as before in the hearts and lives of countless others who are hungry for the Lord.

However you choose to continue in your faithful service for the Lord, I will be praying for you - and, as always, continue to be grateful for your prayers and help! May the Lord bless each one of you!

In His service together with you,

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