

January 10, 2019

Dear Faithful Friends and Supporters,

We have much to share with you about the wonderful way God has continued to let us serve Him in our new phase of life here in the States. The Lord has provided us with a marvelous house in which to minister through the generosity of a godly investor. We call this ministry Triad Baptist Mission Ministry House. Our goal is to house and help missionaries when they are in the Winston Salem area. We also have two teen boys with us, so life continues to be lively. One is a senior and is under the auspices of Home Land Security. The other is a pastor's son from Chile who greatly wanted to finish high school in the States. It looks like next year we will have a missionary kid from the south of Chile who is in a more remote area and would like to do his senior year in the States in order to prepare for life and college here.

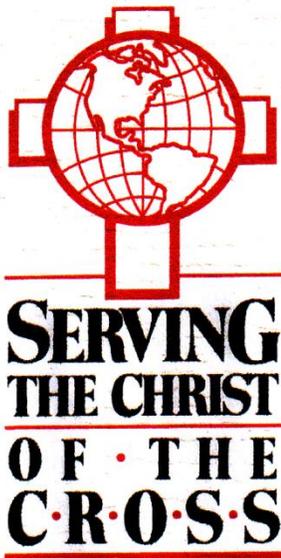
We are also very involved in the ministries in our church, Triad Baptist Church in Kernersville, North Carolina, which has an average attendance of 1200 to 1500 on Sunday morning. A Connect Group (small group) meets in our home every Thursday and I lead this study and am also involved in the hospital visitation. I am chairman of the Mission Committee where we oversee and care for our 56 missionaries, as well as, keeping them before our congregation. Of course, I still love singing and am part of our church choir.

Linda heads several of the Women's Ministries – Heart to Heart Mentoring, Mom Connection (with about 100 participating), a daily Online Bible Study and Devotional, and teaches a weekday home Bible Study. She still loves to teach children as well – so is teaching the 3rd and 4th grade girls Sunday School class of 25 and substitutes during the week when needed at two Christian schools.

OUR BIG NEWS is that Linda has been invited to do a weekend conference for ladies from our 30+ churches in Santiago, Chile. They have also asked us to speak at several other meetings and to travel to the south of Chile to minister there also. We are very excited about this opportunity to return to where our hearts are and to serve for a time.

OUR BIG PRAYER REQUEST is that the Lord would provide the funds for this trip about \$2,000. We no longer have any ministry funds to use and only a few faithful supports that supplement our Social Security check which allows us to continue ministering through our home. By faith we have said yes when they asked us to confirm if we could come so they could start the publicity for the retreat. Pray with us about this need.

I had shoulder surgery the first week of December and will soon start my physical therapy to get the use of it back and the range of movement. I fell in April, but this injury did not appear until several months later. I should be totally back to normal by our trip on April 20.



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Hopefully all of you had a blessed holiday season. We were able to spend time with our daughter and son-in-law and then travel to see our two sons in the north and be there when our great granddaughter, Nadia, was born. What a special blessing it is being with family after many years of being apart while we were on the mission field.

We are so thankful for the health and energy that the Lord has graciously given us, and our desire is to continue to actively serve Him until He calls us home. Thank you so much for your concern and continued concern for us. We are so thankful and blessed!!!

If you would like to financially share in this ministry trip to Chile the addresses are:

For a tax deduction

Triad Baptist Church
1175 S Main St
Kernersville, NC 27284
Account: TBMM
Attention: Dennis Roberts

OR

Duane Cross
222 Day Break Dr
Kernersville, NC 27284

Please note our change of address and telephone numbers !!

Serving the Christ of the Cross,

Duane and Linda Cross

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PRAISE

- For strength, health, and energy to continue to serve the Lord
- For the invitation to return to Chile to speak at the ladies' retreat and other meetings
- For the many opportunities we have in North Carolina to minister and impact lives for Christ

PRAY

- **For the \$2000 needed for trip to Chile to speak at a retreat and other meetings**
- For wisdom as we minister to the two teen boys that are in our home
- That we can be encouragers to the missionaries, that stay in our home and are supported by our church