

# Millers' Memo

April 2015

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Thank you so much to all who sent us Christmas cards, letters and pictures. You made our Christmas!! Having wonderful friends is perhaps our greatest blessing.

As soon as the holidays were over, we began planning for the BLF USA Board meetings to be held here the last weekend of February. Our church played an important role by offering us a meeting room with kitchen facilities and technical facilities—a major blessing. Also Jan, our pastor's wife, helped us shop for the meals we needed to prepare and serve. Sue, wife of a Board member, helped in the kitchen and local friends offered guest rooms for some of the Board members. God is so good and He blessed the meetings in every way.

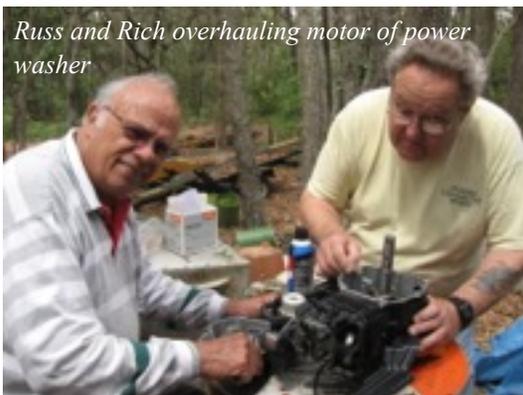
We announced at the end of last year that the Lord had supplied all the members of our team to BLF in France May 14-25. They are Jerry and Mary Veit from Milwaukee, WI, Bob and Renee James from Fresno, CA, and Kayla King and Connie Brennan from Des Moines, IA (besides the two of us). He has also supplied a new couple to be host and hostess, Phil and Martha Gray from Topeka, KS. The team will be helping at the BLF shop in France, then going southeast a bit to Verdun to work with France for Christ missionaries, Régis and Myriam Perrin. Please pray with us that our hearts, hands and words will be in tune with God's purposes and that our service will be fruitful for His kingdom.

Because we don't know the future, we decided to go a week early in order to have some time to spend with friends from our church during the time we lived in Belgium. The two of us will leave on May 7, but we'll return with the team.

The Lord has been gracious to keep us in good health and strength; however, our age is catching up with us. Those of you who have seen us in past months have noticed that Russ is limping. X-rays have revealed that there is no cartilage in his left hip joint, and the doctor is considering a hip replacement. Please pray that the Lord will enable Russ to fulfill his responsibilities on the team, and also that He lead us to the surgeon of His choice. Surgery will probably have to be after our return.

Mary Ann hasn't escaped physical problems either. Tests reveal that she has sleep apnea and is being fitted to use a CPAP machine. Please pray that it will be effective.

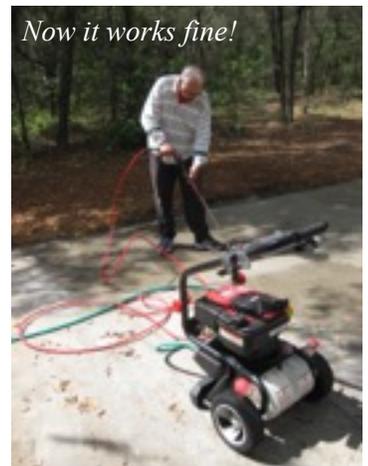
*Russ and Rich overhauling motor of power washer*



During the Easter Season, we think especially of Jesus' suffering on the Cross for our sins. We're forever grateful that God raised Him from the grave and will do the same for all of us who have received Him as our Savior. Happy Resurrection Sunday!



*Now it works fine!*



## Ron & Shannon

In January Ron made the trek to the sandy world of Chad where he works with the Chadian military in their fight against Boko Haram in Nigeria and al Qaeda in the Magreb in Mali. In March he hosted a 28 country, 1350 man counter-terrorism exercise called FLINTLOCK in Chad. He's also responsible for Central African Republic and last week visited the US and Ugandan counter-LRA mission there. He was promoted to full colonel on 1 March. He is thrilled to be able to spend some time with the Downings whom he seldom gets to see. Shannon is fighting terrorism on the home front by raising the twin



terrorists by herself. Both Kira and Laina can count to 10, go fast on their trikes, destroy a pantry in under 5 minutes, and twist a lid off and peel back a safety seal to dump an entire can of parmesan cheese on the floor in under a minute.

## Jon & Heather

Jon, Heather and kids are happy to be together again after some months of being apart while helping others in greater need. They recently enjoyed a 2-week vacation in Kenya with Suze and her family, so the cousins had fun playing together also. Some of Jon's responsibilities with Samaritan's Purse could be completed before the end of this year and therefore they are already looking for other jobs or what God may have for them next. Please join us in praying that He will give them clear guidance.



## Scott & Susan

Last year and into February this year Scott and Susan have been super busy. They were hosts for the annual conference of TEAM missionaries in Chad —46 with children. In January, a dental team of 7 people came for three weeks to work in their town and surrounding villages. Scott finished the new house for the German family coming to work with them. In February the family flew to Kenya to attend the conference for those working with Muslims, followed by some time to rest and relax. Now they've finished their break in Kenya and are heading back to Chad.

They will return to the Swamp with the Barths (German family) and help them to settle in and find language helpers to continue learning Arabic and local culture. Scott has more wells to dig and Suze will finish the school year with the kids. All five of them are in school now! Suze is also discipling the ladies who have become Christ followers. Let's pray that more people in their area will become believers in 2015.



The Lord has been faithful to us and so have you! Thank you for continuing to support us and/or pray for us and our ministries. Our children also are grateful for your prayers for them and their ministries. Please pray especially for Russ to be able to handle the team leadership in May.

Be blessed in the Lord!



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