



*“Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known in all the world.”*

*Isaiah 12:4-5*

# GLOBAL FISH FINDERS

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Beloved Friends and Family,

July 2019

We praise God for the United States of America, the land that we love. Hopefully you celebrated the 4th with friends and family. We were with Wendell and Jan and their kids, Jason and Jigna. We get invited often and it is such a delight. Too tired to go downtown for fireworks all we needed to do was carry chairs about 80 steps and enjoy the North Augusta's display at the curb.

Have you ever been where you felt God was in a hurry? It seems so with us, our most recent experiences have been filled with such events. Four months ago Shirley said to me one day, "Let me know if caring for this land ever becomes too much for you." Six weeks later as I was working, tending the beautiful land God had given us to care for, and I realized that it was time to give up this responsibility before I reached a place when I physically could not do it any longer. I went up to sit on the porch to rest and shared with Shirley, "Now is the time." So she began packing. Recently we shared with you of our desire to move closer to a military base with the hope of impacting young service members and their families with the love of Jesus. We looked at a couple of bases in GA having heard that retired personnel could rent base housing. It was way costlier than we expected. While visiting Wendell and Jan, precious friends, outside of Ft. Gordon in Augusta, GA, we found a delightful townhouse across the Savannah River in N. Augusta, SC that is only about 25 minutes from the base and there is a large hospital with cardio therapy care on the base.

Things progressed quickly with buying our new place, so in preparation to sell our home in Thomasville I was pressure washing the exterior, I was on the roof, not my best decision since the ladder gave way and I fell off the roof on top of the ladder and onto the paved driveway. Shirley heard the thud and came running out. I was just getting up, shaken but **miraculously** the Lord protected me once again from any broken bones. Oh, I did get major body bruising, exacerbated by the blood thinners I take and I developed swelling in one leg that required ice packs and elevation for a few days. Precious friends, Kristinn and Disa from Iceland were scheduled to visit so they came for 5 days and I semi-rested. It was a sweet reunion.

Two weeks after we put a contract on our new home we put our GA home on the market. Shirley had begun praying that God would quickly sell our GA home and bless us with a cash sale and asked the Lord if we could get a contract as a 50th anniversary gift from Him. Once again, God showed Himself as a generous loving Daddy, a great real estate agent, and brought a cash buyer who made his 1st offer on our anniversary. He shared he wasn't sure why he was buying our house since he'd liked another one better. We know why. Please note!!! Our new address is: **206 Hickory Place, N. Augusta, SC, 29841**. Our phone #'s and email addresses stay the same: home: 863-274-5314 and my cell: 229-224- 0683. In the span of 12 days we had 2 closings.

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What do you think, is God in a hurry? We are excited and expectant. For the past two Sundays we have visited a Vineyard church that is only about 18 minutes from our home. Wendell and Jan attend there. We will see where God will establish us. Thank you for praying with us as we settle in and seek to join with our Father in His Kingdom work here.

Now for the actual move. As you can imagine, at our age the thought of a major move was a daunting prospect. We thought Thomasville would be our last move and actually burned our boxes, some of them 20 years old and had made several moves with us over the years. We prayed and asked God for a loading crew, a driver for the rental truck, and a crew to unload. God once again graciously responded. A brother in the Lord came to our home for a friend that had to work overtime to pick up some scrap wood I had been saving for whatever came up and Shirley asked him if he knew of anyone that might be looking for work and could help us load up. He responded, "Yes, me, I can and I have a friend who is out of work." She asked if he knew anyone that could possibly drive a 26' rental truck to N. Augusta for us. He responded, "Yes, me, I can!" He exuded enthusiasm. Are you ready, the Army came to our aid on the other end, Wendell and Jan's son, Jason, an army warrant officer asked for helpers. Those young fit guys made light work with the huge boxes and the stairs. We were incredibly blessed. One guy said, "The way I look at it is, my parents are in CA and when they need help I hope someone will do for them what I have done for you." Hallelujah!!! The Lord met our needs. Thank you for praying for us. Service members serving us; we are grateful to the Lord. Homemade cookies and invites to dinner will follow.

The news from A Haz is wonderful. In June they had a baptismal service and dinner for all that attended (most of the church goes) at Janos and Margitta's lovely home in a village near Debrecen. Testimonies of their faith in Christ are shared by each one that will be baptized. 5 were immersed, Mable, from India is the only one we know and 4 new students from Africa followed the Lord in obedient faith. Rejoice with us!

Thank you for being such an important part of our lives and His ministry through us. Thank you for believing for and with us for God's holy purposes to be fulfilled in us and through us to His glory. Thank you for your encouragement as we seek to follow our Father in this new venture of faith. Thank you for your sacrifices in giving and your prayers that cover us, as you feel the Lord to prompt you to invest in His kingdom through your support of us. May He bless you exceedingly and abundantly beyond what you think is possible. We love you dearly and need you in our lives.

Blessings,

*Michael and Shirley*

