

theboisvert update



“For that you ought to say, ‘If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that’” (James 4:15).

IF NOTHING ELSE, THESE PAST two years should have taught us the important truth of which James reminded us. Nothing lasting can be accomplished without our Lord willing it. So it has been—and continues to be—with our international travel plans.

AUGUST TRIP TO UGANDA

Doug had arranged to be in Uganda to teach in at least two venues. As shared in our last letter, he was hoping to be at B.E.S.T. training in the Jinja area the first week teaching and working with the school’s staff on reviewing the second draft of the school’s documentation for government recognition. Then he had planned to be with the South Sudanese leaders teaching as they launch training in a new refugee camp for South Sudanese church leaders.

Both venues were scheduled last April and have been heavily promoted since then with very enthusiastic response and full rosters early on. But Uganda has enacted a 42-day limited lock-down that includes all group gatherings. At the end of the allotted time, the Ugandan government will reevaluate opening, which is just a few days before those scheduled training weeks. Travel is restricted between towns, so there is growing doubt that students will even be allowed to travel to the training sites during either of those weeks, even after the 42-day lock-down is over.

The good news about all this is that although local leaders have urged Doug not to come to Uganda in August, they have assured him that they can and will perform all the teaching themselves whenever the restrictions are lifted. It was not said directly by the leaders, but Doug is sensing greater confidence and a deeper conviction that these local co-workers may not need him in the same way they did just a year ago! In the past, this has been one of the ways Doug has evaluated whether or not his work is done in a specific teaching venue.

Thus the Ugandan leaders’ expressed confidence suggests that it may be time to fade out of the picture as local leaders rise to the challenge of taking on the teaching responsibilities. Doug has heard directly from some of these leaders that last year’s “virtual” coaching—especially in the more advanced courses—has given them a new confidence that they can now teach any of the courses at all levels of the training. (And of course that’s always been our ultimate goal.) Praise Jesus!

MONGOLIA IN SEPTEMBER

Last time we reported that we had purchased airline tickets to Mongolia at the end of September 2021 to teach there and be present for the fourth group’s graduation. We have been trying to schedule a teaching module since last February to prepare this group for that



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September graduation. Students need just two more teaching weeks of six courses to finish their training. There is also the potential of some of these students being further disciplined into leaders for future groups being trained.

However, after four dates have been set and then postponed since February, we have not yet had the Zoom training sessions. Why? Mongolia was experiencing a new wave

of corona virus that resulted in rolling quarantines, which have limited not only meetings but travel within the country as well.

Then we were notified that some of our flights, which had already been rerouted for that itinerary twice, have been canceled completely. Mongolian Airlines had us on the books as scheduled, but only if the airport was open by those dates. So we are still waiting for the Zoom teaching sessions before rescheduling the September flights—all only if the Lord wills, of course!

REPORTING TO OUR SUPPORTING CHURCHES

July is proving to be a great renewing of fellowship with many of our partnering churches in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Many previously scheduled visits had to be postponed due to COVID travel restrictions last year.

We are on the road for the entire month of July and plan to return home the first week of August fol-

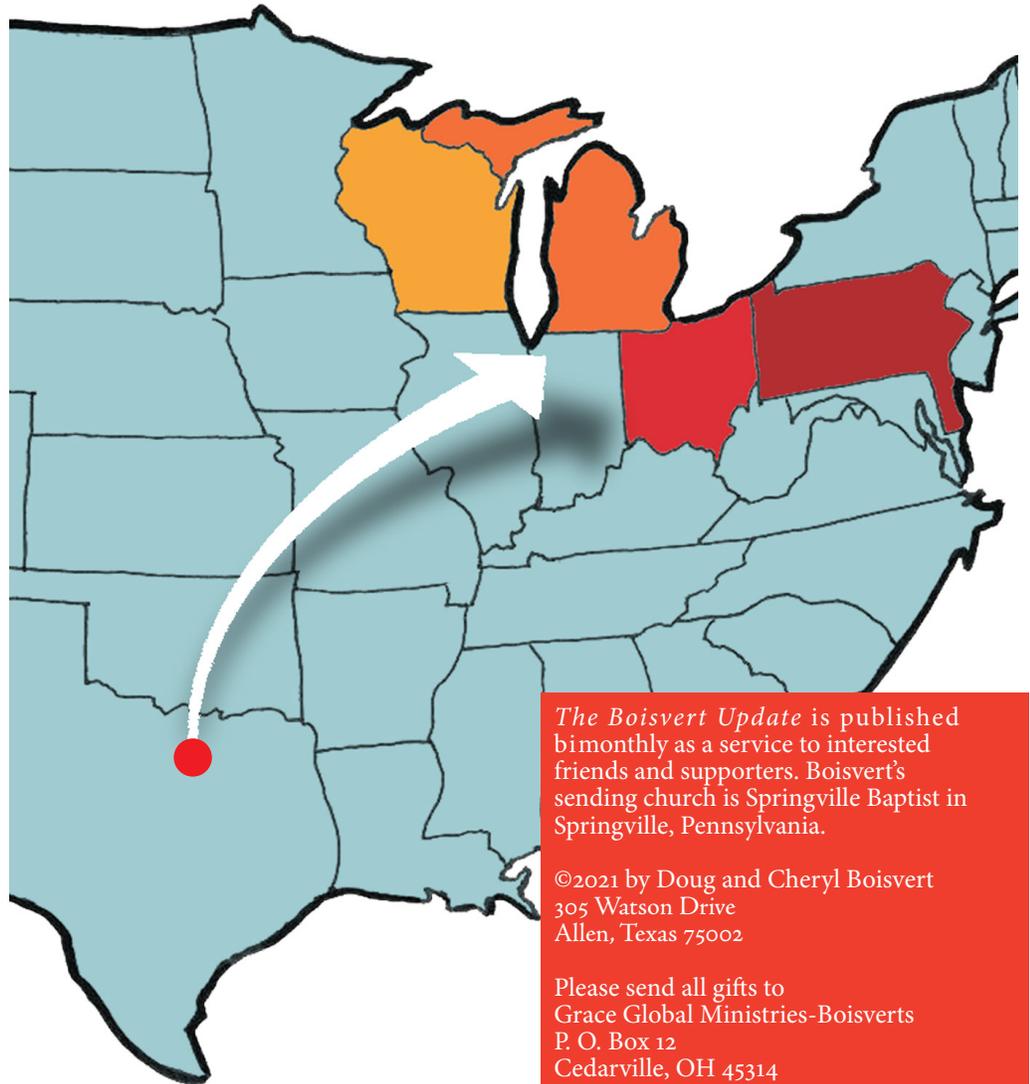
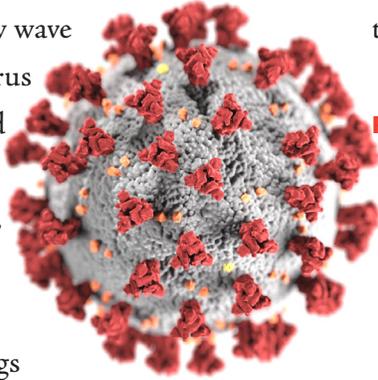
lowing a brief visit with Doug's dad, who recently celebrated his 96th birthday. The Lord has used His people while we are traveling to meet many of our housing needs during this extended trip "up North" from our home in Texas. We certainly thank God for all of you and for your love for Jesus that is shown in your care for us, especially during this time!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

- for wisdom and grace for our overseas coworkers (the local leaders referenced in this letter) who are bearing the majority of the burdens for the churches and pastors, especially as new COVID surges cause

illnesses and deaths in their areas.

- for the Boisverts to have discernment and sensitivity to the Lord's leading in their ministry as the East Africa venues gradually move toward self-sufficiency in teaching.
- for God's sovereign hand to be upon the brethren in Myanmar—for safety and boldness to speak truth in the midst of the dangers within their country's borders, as they face the results of the military coup and as COVID surges, with no access to health services.
- for the Boisverts as they celebrate 25 years with Tri-M. Praise God!
- for the salvation of Doug's father.
- for Doug's upcoming surgery on August 13th.



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