TWO STONES

The cornerstone and the stone of remembering.

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----- focusing on the ministry of Lee and Carolyn Baas

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- -1- It is Easter Monday. Yesterday we remembered the resurrection of Jesus Christ our CORNERSTONE.
- -2- In 1st Samuel 7:12 Samuel set up a stone and named it "EBENEZER", which means that "the Lord has helped us this far." Samuel was confident that, as God helped in the past, he would be with them in the future.

I probably should put a big sign over my desk that says, "<u>EBENEZER</u>." God has helped in the past and He will continue to do so.

Earlier this month, Carolyn and I returned from Cambodia and Thailand. Someone asked if it was a test to see if I was healthy enough to continue our ministry. My answer to them was, No, this was not a test but it was planned in confidence that the Lord would continue to help in the future. We had erected our **EBENEZER** stone.

An additional bonus on the trip was that my older sister, Esther, and my older brother, John, were able to go with us. They have both been very supportive of this ministry and although both of them lost their mates, they were heathy enough to make the trip. At times they went with us to ministry sites and at other times they were with Carolyn while I worked with missionaries.

It was a fantastic time! I felt as good as I felt before the "health attack" in late November. Missionaries were so thankful to the Lord that I could again travel and assist them.



One of the missionary organizations that we work with, have ministries to men and women in government centers in different parts of Cambodia.

The Cambodian pastor who heads up that ministry also has a church in a town close to the facility.

This is a very challenging ministry and it is difficult for them to get needed funding for this ministry.

During our time in Cambodia we also visited and had the Sunday service at a Bible School where Carolyn and Lee have helped in the past with teaching seminars.

Lee speaking to a group of men at a center in Cambodia.



From left: A Cambodian pastor, missionary Grace Hahn, John, Lee, Carolyn and Esther

This picture was taken at the first government facility that we visited. We visited with the men in this facility.

I am sure that most of you understand that we do not include any pictures of missionaries who receive counseling services.

The Lord willing, we will try to meet all (or most) of our previously scheduled missionary counseling contacts the rest of this year. We also have some new requests to consider. We have been able to re-schedule for next year, some of the requests we cancelled in January and February of this year.

We continue to receive requests for help with conflict resolution. Some of the requests are from agencies that need help with a staff or ministry issue. Other requests are for us to train staff to identify and work for resolution of conflicts.

Again, we must thank you for your wonderful prayer support. That has been a blessing to us and God has answered your prayers. And we also thank you for your letters and notes of encouragement and your financial gifts. God has blessed all you do for this ministry by keeping it going for over 20 years. How many years more? That is up to HIM!

This morning we received an email from a missionary pastor in Central Africa and from a missionary in Australia. Both were challenges for us to keep going. To use the opportunities before us. One of them also was a request for us to come and provide conflict resolution for himself and Christians that work with him.

If you have questions about this ministry that the Lord has given to us, send us an email or give us a call at our phone number listed below. Both Carolyn and Lee are interested in providing information or answering questions

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