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#### LAB-COURSE for LIFE

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# Clark and Ann... building bridges!



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## Dear FRIENDS,

#### A Lab-Course for Life

Ann is researching "How to Age Positively with a Purpose".

This project has proved challenging (for us, it's a lab course! (a)). But it has also unexpectedly become a wonderful door-opener for conversations about life and Jesus!

When our friend, Marti Lunn, discovered what Ann is working on, she gave her an inspiring book called "Theo from Golden" by lawyer Allen Levi. She also recommended "The Gift of Years" by author Joan Chittister.

Both of these books are well worth reading if you want ideas about life-fulfilling things to do instead of stressing about the stress of aging.

## **Book-Work**

This summer, Clark has also been involved with BOOK-WORK to equip future generations to have a place to do serious Biblical studies.

Many of you will remember that three years ago, we donated our theological and philosophical library to the Biblical Study Center (BSC) that is close to Boise State University (BSU). All of those boxes of books were shipped back to America. (They went through a hurricane on the way!)

Students love to come to the Study Center and hang out, visit, and find safe, quiet corners to think, research and write their papers. It has become the hub for Christian groups on campus. The library has been part of the center for quite a while, but complications arose! The librarian quit. Leadership changed. The building was renovated. We returned to find a mountain of boxed books piled up. The ministry opportunities were still there, but there was no one to organize the theology and philosophy books and update them into the "Library of Congress" system that colleges and universities use today.

The Center wants to have a good Bibilcal and theological reference library that could build a BRIDGE to the university and colleges and be used by campus ministry leaders and key students.

After much prayer and some serious talks with BSC people, Clark offered to help if they could hire some assistance. The leadership agreed enthusiastically. Providentially, our grandson, Samuel, just turned 14 and he wanted to find a summer job. We knew that he is a hard worker and so he came on board. It has been a huge privilege for Clark and Samuel to work together doing a significant job a couple of hours a day! What at first seemed like a burden turned into a wonderful blessing! We pray that the Study Center and its library will be a key pillar of a new "international bridge".

#### **Family Festival:**

On Labor Day weekend, the German and American branches of our family are both getting together in Los Angeles! Daniel's parents and his sister (with her family) are coming. Our youngest granddaughter, Eva Ruha, will be dedicated to the Lord. Clark has the privilege of leading this significant ceremony.

YOU have prayed for us and for our children! (As we have for some of yours!) Now, we would like you to ask you to PLEASE pray for each of our three precious grandchildren: Samuel, Aviyah, and "Ru".

## Would you pray for each of them:

- To discover a life-long personal relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ
- To grow up spiritually and become mighty people of God
- To be a positive influence for Christ and His Kingdom in their corner of the world, wherever that may prove to be
- To be centered in Jesus and to open and use all the gifts He has prepared for them

- To find virtue- and Bible-based Christian communities that actively live God's love and respect and care for one another and relate compassionately to those in society who are different, confused, disagreeable, and don't always know how to ask the "right" questions.

These are also the prayers that we will pray for your children and grandchildren.

### **Berlin Ministry:**

Two weeks after this family time, Clark and I will fly to Berlin for a couple of months to work with students and to help the new "Haus Parents" move into our old apartment in Haus Nazareth (HN) and begin more activities with the Haus community.

We also hope to finish moving into our "Haus-Grandparent" apartment.

The last time we were in Berlin, we managed to move or box almost everything from the large apartment into a little one-bedroom one. It was a mini-miracle to downsize 50 years of ministry and life-accumulation into such a tiny space! We want to finish unpacking those boxes and to make this "grandparent apartment" more functional.

We hope to be back in the USA for an oncology check-up for Clark just before Thanksgiving!

and in the King of Kings,
Ann and Clark

#### PS:

YOU, DEAR FRIENDS, are a BLESSING to us and to our ministry! We are GRATEFUL for your faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ and for your partnership in sharing the Lord and His Word in Berlin and the World!

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