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19 ... "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does..."

John 5:19b-20a

Dear Cheryl,

Summer months are always very busy with work and ministry. For missionaries and pastors there are many camps to organize and to speak at which take hours and days of preparations. While the missionaries' children are on holiday from school, the fathers, and many times the mothers, too, are so busy with ministry and serving opportunities that there is less time to meditate for own spiritual development. All the while their children spend most of their time with others. This intensive time of the year causes families to lose their connection to each other and thus their balance as a family.

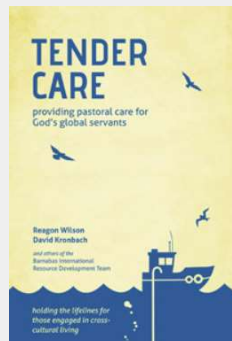
In the Gospel of John, chapter 5, we can see the strong relationship between the Father and the Son while He carries out the work His Father entrusted to Him. The Son only does what He sees the Father doing. There is a beautiful connection

between them, but more importantly we get to witness the main ingredient for both ministry and relationship – love. The Father loves the Son and He shows Him what He does and who He is. He is a loving Father who takes time to spend with his Son and show Him all that He works. In exchange, we see the Son doing only what the Father shows Him to do. This is very difficult for a missionary, pastor or any Christian to do. It takes much energy and time, as well as vulnerability and love to position ourselves in this kind of relationship with the Father, as it is counterintuitive to our sinful nature. We all need to learn from the Father what to do, the way He does it, and also teach our children what we're doing, as well as the way to do it.

Please pray for our missionaries spread around the world, to have the wisdom to take time for themselves and for their families to learn from the Father. Please also pray for us as we come alongside them at this time of the year. Pray that we would receive wisdom and the right words from our Father to encourage all these hard-working servants of our Lord.

Summer activities

Tender Care - translation into Romanian



This summer we're engaged in translating a Member Care (MC) book into Romanian. 'Tender Care' is a Barnabas International publication, a wealth of knowledge, experience and practical tools for MC providers, which will be one of the first resources of its kind translated into Romanian. Please pray that we'd have it ready in time for the Member Care training we are planning in Bucharest, this coming October, for Romanian leaders who are providing care for cross-cultural missionaries.

As care for global workers is still such a pioneer initiative in our part of the world, hardly ever blazed in a meaningful way for the global workers and national pastors, we can feel the spiritual battle and discouragement surrounding this project. Will you please pray the Lord's peace, wisdom, love and victory over this time of translation and publication? Thank you that we can rely on your prayers.

Another summer activity we have is hosting friends and supporters. It is always a joy to have people in our home and fellowship together, showing them our world and enjoying the cool British summers.



Lavi's Graduation

We are so happy and proud of our Lavi, as she graduated from Medical School on July 16th. Her graduation was cause for deep gratitude to our Father for the way He carried her through one of her hardest and most fulfilling journeys. We know she will make a wonderful doctor, especially to the newborn and premature babies, a specialty she intends to pursue. Her next education phase will consist of two years of residency in a hospital 50 minutes away from us! Please join us in celebrating God's goodness for our daughter, and continue to pray for her as she is transitioning to a new city, hospital, church and group of friends.

We are so blessed by both our adult children, Lavi and David, as we see their walk with the Lord and their desire to serve Him according to His calling on their lives. Thank you to all of you who have prayed for them over the years – we see wonderful answers to all your prayers! Please continue to lift them up to the throne of grace.



Silver Anniversary

On July 15th we celebrated our silver anniversary! As we meditated on the past 25 years together there were so many blessings, joys and times of hardship and growth we remembered. Praise God for His answers to tens of thousands of prayers! We remembered that 25 years ago, as we gave our vows in church, we both said our "yes" to one another, adding: "Through the power of Jesus Christ". This is what we want to celebrate: the love and power of Christ that gave us joy and hope in sorrows and in hard places. Praise Him!



We're praying for you all

We're also praying for you all as you perhaps are taking time off work to have a vacation. We pray for protection as you may travel, but also for a time of

strengthening your relationship with the Father. He wants to show you what He works and who He is as your loving Father.

Seving together,
Alex & Cami, Lavi & David

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