

Kim, John and I wish you a blessed Christmas season. The year's close brings a moment of reflections of the Lord's provision, placement, and His protection of us.

The Lord's Provision:

It is a pleasure to partner with you in the work of missions. Not a day passes without our clear understanding that without your investment and the Lord's provision there is no ministry in missions for our family. It is overwhelming as we consider the blessings of God this past year.

The Lord's Placement:

Our placement by the Lord in this ministry varies weekly.

- Our work in the colleges has increased in opportunities and fruit. We see the fruit of our labor beginning to bear in the lives of those who surrender to go and serve.
- Our ministry in churches who desire to support missionaries is seeing true growth. Monthly we watch churches make their decisions to give and go.
- Our ministry amongst our missionaries is thrilling. We avail ourselves daily to our missionaries for their encouragement, edifying, and equipping in their work in more than 40 countries around the world. Furthermore, our work with our deputation missionaries enables us to aid them in support raising and speeding them on their way to the field.

The Lord's Protection:

While this is a seemingly intangible blessing to recount, it bears acknowledgment nonetheless. My travels in the ministry this year were extensive. I flew over 100,000 miles and drove another 30,000 miles. Yet, with all these movements they occurred without incident. Your prayers are the key factor; thank you!

The Christmas season will find us home. John will be home for Christmas to work to earn money for the next college semester. Kim will take a few days off during Christmas. I will be here for Christmas. However, I am making plans to squeeze in a trip to Cuba in the next month to assist one of our missionaries. Please pray these plans will come together as we seek to assist the birthing of a ministry to train Cubans for the ministry and church planting.

May God richly bless you all as you have blessed us,

John, Kim, and John O'Malley

