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40 years — AND COUNTING

prayer REQUESTS

- Pray for safe travel; that I will walk closely with the Lord, sensitive to His Spirit; and that others would see Jesus in me.
- Pray as I get settled in Orlando this fall, for housing, church, etc.
- Pray for encouragement, rest, and an ever-closer walk with Jesus for my Deaf colleagues. They are gifted and passionate about reaching their people for Christ, and sometimes it can be a heavy load.

This summer marks my 40th anniversary. I've been in the Deaf world for 40 years! In the summer of 1982, I met a little Deaf boy in Haiti who captured my heart and opened my eyes to Deaf people's gifts, creativity, intelligence, and challenges. Since then, there have been so many Deaf people who graciously and patiently invited me into their community and taught me their language and culture. **My life has been enriched, my mind has been challenged, my world has been expanded, and my understanding of God has grown.**



And for the last several decades, I have had the humbling privilege of serving God alongside Deaf brothers and sisters in Christ in DOOR. They have been my colleagues, teammates, supervisors, and friends. I am so very grateful to them and to the Lord for them.

IN OTHER *news...*

- Recently, I led a training week with a group of Deaf leaders from DOOR and Deaf Harbor, a partner organization. You may recall the Sorenson family, my teammates in Hungary and Thailand. **One delightful part of this training was that four of their Deaf children (now adults) were participants in some or all of the training!**
- I'll be going to an Asian country for about 6 weeks this fall, offering orientation and member care to our staff there. Part of this training involves understanding how we live out DOOR's vision, mission, and values. Did you know that one of our core values is "Deaf people as leaders and providers of Deaf ministry, giving direction at all levels"? See the rest [here](#).
- I've just moved to Orlando, Florida, where several of my DOOR colleagues live. After 13 years in Waco, the Lord has moved me on. Dad is thriving in independent living, and has been incredibly supportive of the move. I'll look forward to going back to visit him when I can.



A *passion* FOR GOD'S WORLD

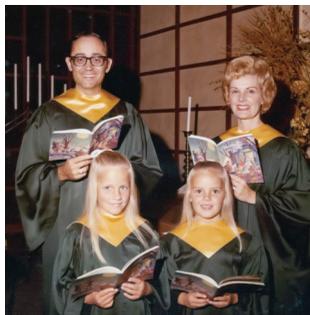
As many of you know, my mother went to be with Jesus last November. She was known for many things ... her hospitality, her chocolate chip cookies, her spotless home, her impeccable fashion sense. **But there's something that maybe not as many people knew about her.**

When Mom was in college, she felt that perhaps God was calling her to be a missionary in Africa. She grew up in a small town in Arkansas, and yet the Lord gave her a heart for His work around the world. She even went to seminary, as a woman in the 1950s (!!), to prepare to serve.

As things turned out, that was not what the Lord had for her, and for a while, I'm sure she was disappointed. **However, she went on to serve as the missions coordinator for our church, a board member of a missions organization, and the mother of a future missionary.**

Mom instilled her passion for the world in me. We had international people staying in our home often: missionaries, national Christian leaders, international students from a local college, and exchange students for longer periods of time. **She and Dad took my sister and me on a trip to visit different missionaries when I was in third grade.** Our church's annual missions conferences were one of my favorite times of the year, and I loved reading missionary biographies.

Thank you, Mom, for introducing me to God's heart for the world. Thank you for your and Dad's unwavering support as I followed the Lord's leading in my life. And thank You, Lord, for a mom who loved You and Your world.



YOUR *part* IN MY JOURNEY

I am so grateful for your partnership through prayer, friendship, and giving. Just a quick financial update: I'm currently at 69% of my needed support. Would you pray with me for the Lord's provision, and ask Him if He's leading you to be a part (or more of a part) of it? Thank you!



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