



# Tooth Tales

A Newsletter of Jack & Jennifer Mitchell

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Dear Friends,

When you last heard from us, we had just returned from the country of Lebanon and we were so excited to share with you all that God had done in that beautiful country. We are now looking forward to a return visit there in the upcoming months. We will again be working with ministries to Syrian refugees.



Treating Patient in Lebanon



Treating Another Patient in Lebanon

Soon after our arrival home it was time to celebrate our 20th anniversary as a mission which began in October 1996. We wish we could recount all the details of every trip we have taken to so many faraway places. On each one God worked in wondrous ways to protect, provide and enable us to do the work He has called us to do. Truly He has gone before us, stayed with us and then brought us safely home again and again. What a mighty God we serve and what a privilege to serve Him!

We have been doing a great deal of traveling within the country since October – mission conferences, visits with supporting churches and new ones, reconnecting with family and sadly the funeral of a dear friend. Although we have spent a lot of time in the car, it was a very encouraging time for us as we listened to excellent Bible messages and were in churches whose hearts beat for missions. In between, Jack had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee just before Christmas and healing has progressed nicely. He can now sleep pain free!

Now, we ask for your prayers as we get ready for our next assignment in the Middle East (February 18th – March 4). A unique opportunity for ministry has opened up in the West Bank and, if God will allow it, we will go there to minister in small villages and refugee camps. We are struggling to get the needed permissions in a timely manner (this is just about two weeks away as we write this update!) and then there is the dreaded

“customs passage.” We are seeking the prayers of God’s people to smooth the way for us. This has not been an easy trip to put together and you may remember that we had to postpone the trip from November until now because of many of these same difficulties. We have purchased our tickets on faith that the Lord will make a way for us this time. As we are finding out, there is a reason why unreached people are unreached – it is pretty tough to get into these places. So could you ask the Lord to do the seemingly impossible and get us to our destination? We really can’t do this without prayer. We would appreciate your ministry to us in this way so very much!



The West Bank

We would be remiss if we did not also tell you that our dear friend, Pastor Raymond Saxe, went to be with the Lord just a week ago. Pastor Saxe was a mentor to us since the beginning of our ministry. In fact, he prayed for Jack’s salvation for several years before Jack was saved. It was a privilege to share a few words as his body was laid to rest, and it was a joy to know that he was not there in the grave, but with his dear Lord in glory!



Pastor & Mrs. Raymond Saxe

When we return from our upcoming ministry we will be finalizing a number of trips we are working on. Some of these will have the same sticky details that are mentioned above. We know that it is the Lord who opens doors and closes them so we look to Him and bow to His will about each one. Thanks for being willing to bring all of this before the throne of grace.

Sincerely in Christ,

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