



A walk with Roly and Cristina

December 2023



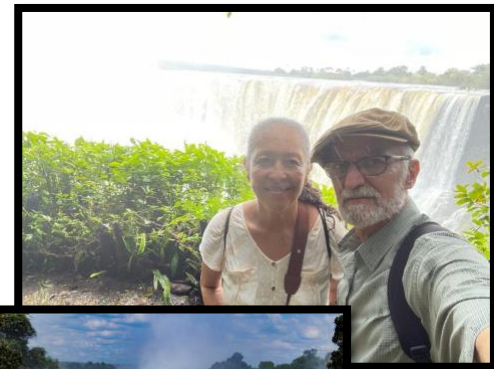
“Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.” Proverbs 19:21

Dear Friends,

Here we are again, coming to the end of another year; looking back on where the Lord has led us: places, people, situations. As we reflect on how, over this year, **One thing has just led to another...** the passage of Proverbs 19:21 has come to mind, *“Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.”* With the celebration of the birth of our Saviour Jesus, quickly approaching, I was contemplating on Mary and Joseph with their simple plans on going to Bethlehem to complete a government census requirement. As we know, God’s plans were much bigger, more complex and further reaching than they had ever imagined; Travels, people encounters, fears, joys, etc. But as One thing just led to another, they trusted God, obeyed God and saw God’s hand as they reflected back.

This time last year, our thought was, ‘With COVID now almost behind us, we need to get caught up!’ Well, as one thing led to another, we packed our 2 carry-on bags and started on a 4-month journey, traveling through 8 African countries, visiting our teams and workers, mission conferences, new contacts and ending up with a 2-month Candidates Orientation in Ghana with 4 new workers to be sent. In the midst of these travels the Lord gave us a special Bucket List adventure as we traveled by bus from Zimbabwe to Zambia ... Victoria Falls. We had 3-days of wondering around one of God’s most spectacular Creation Masterpieces.

We were finally glad to get back to Ghana and into our own bed; it was a wonderful time seeing the Lord work in so many lives and in so many cultures. We praise God. In June, we, the ACTS 13 Team celebrated our 1st Annual Conference as an official Support Branch of WEC. As the ministry has grown in numbers and has spread out to East, West and Southern Africa, it was time to become a Branch of our own. God is faithful, and His Spirit is leading and bringing forth fruit.



We returned to Canada at the end of June to spend time with our family and friends. It was great to be able to move back into our home as Tim and Rachel, who have been caring for it over the past year, graciously moved out for the summer. We could not imagine a more blessed arrangement; God is

always looking after us. We had wonderful time with our family: camping, sleepovers with the grand-kids, and just time together with all of them. The more we are together, the more we miss them when we are away!



For 10 days in August, Cristina and I went to visit two Churches in Los Angeles that have been

praying and supporting us for many years and to speak at their Annual Mission Conference. As part of the event, they run a Latino Food Fest where they cook, serve and sell to 1000's Latin-American food, with all of the profits going into Global Missions. Being one of their missionary couples, they wanted us to try everyone's food. It was a **FULL** 10 days!

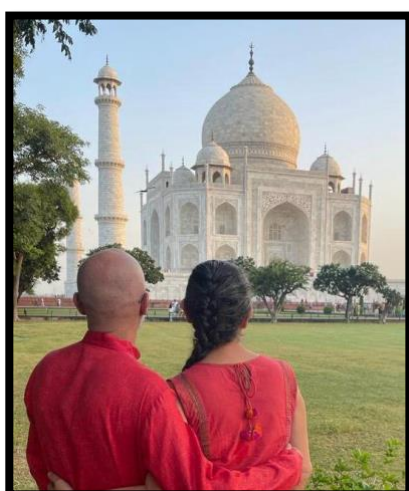


September arrived, the grandkids returned to school, and we headed back overseas. On the way out, Cristina met up with her 2 sisters in Europe for a 10-day holiday; a bit of a celebration of the life of their mother, a year after her home-going. Roly stayed back to pack, and we later met up in France.



As the COVID catch-up had not finished, we had 2 more stop overs to make visiting 2 units of African Workers, one in Germany, working with Arab speaking Immigrants and then to one reaching out in South Asia. This was a member-care visit to encourage them in their work; we think that we left more encouraged as we could see our workers in action, sharing the love of Jesus to many who had never heard.

We landed back in Ghana for the final 2 months of the year, finishing off with a Ghana Conference and then right in to a 2-month Candidate Orientation with 3 couples and 3 little children.



As we said in the beginning, at this time last year we had little idea where we would be traveling to or who we were to meet along the way, but **ONE THING JUST LEAD TO THE OTHER...**

Mary and Joseph had little idea (even after having been visited by angels) what would be around the corner, or in the next years to come, but they were faithful with what they knew.

May the Lord find us all faithful as we go into this New Year, trusting Him as one thing... leads to another.

Serving with you, that the Nations may hear and turn to the Lord.

*Merry Christmas and
a Blessed New Year*

Roly and Cristina Grenier

Our Ghana and WhatsApp Numbers: Roly: +233 503 269 158

Cristina: +233 503 269 417

Our E-mail: rcgrenier@gmail.com

Note*** If you would like to be on our WhatsApp 'Quick Update' list (where we send out short regular info and prayer needs). Please let us know.

