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Let me see if I can pull together our thinking about our proposed annual schedule.

The yearly cycle is roughly in sync with Barb's teaching year, so when the year ends and grades are posted, we head to the States. (I had initially thought I would make it to the field a couple of months earlier, but had a hernia surgery and prostate biopsy that slowed me down.) We return at the end of her teaching year in June and gear up for our wedding July 15, 2023. Then, initially, our Global Directors would like us to take some hiatus from the normal cycle just to adapt to married life before returning as a couple to Guinea. The "policy" (or at least guideline) for younger workers is a year off after the wedding, but in our case, they are going to treat the concept more broadly. "You need to enjoy your wife for a while, Larry," was what Lloyd Chinn said to me. I think a few months in the states before returning to Guinea will be in order. That will include visiting supporters, so it will not be an extended vacation. Parents who are involved in the co-op school will be picking up the slack during Barb's absence.

Barb is a cancer survivor. She is still on an annual checkup in the States. So that puts us returning each summer for medical and dental. I am also watching the beginning stages of prostate cancer. 98% cancer free in my samples still means 2% in the beginning stages. So, in our yearly cycle, we will spend part of our vacation time and part of our home assignment each summer, connecting with supporters. Normally, we would expect to be back in Guinea around the beginning of August each year.

Barb and I are looking at the next 5.5 years or longer to continue in this pattern, depending on health. We also need to see another teacher step into Barb's place before she would feel the release to move towards retirement. We are taking it one step at a time, but several years here would hopefully allow me to get to a place of effectiveness in the languages and worship practice and begin to see fruit in my ministry. I have a lot to learn, so appreciate your prayers.

Blessings! Larry

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