

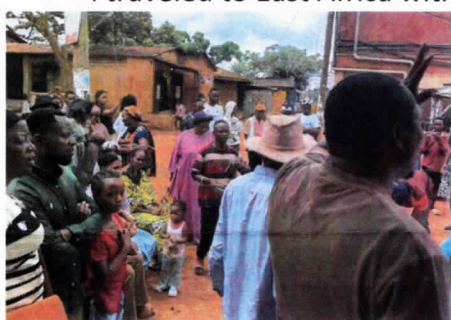
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Dear Friend,

This year has been busier than most with several international trips. In the past five months I have been to Mexico, Peru, Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Brazil, and Argentina. However, After 32 years serving as a missionary it is time for me to take a sabbatical. I have never been in need of one so I'm not sure how I feel about it. I know all the reasons for it and I'm sure it is good for the "other guy". Starting July 1st, I will be officially on my first sabbatical. Please pray that I can make good use of the time and not be compelled to continue with the usual ministry responsibilities.

This is a brief update on some recent trips. I traveled by car 800 miles South in Mexico to Culiacan. Derek, President of Missions Door, and Ramon, Latin American Director, traveled with me. We visited all our missionaries along the way. It was a blessing to see the progress the churches have made since I lived there. There are many new churches, and the older ones are doing well. Our missionaries in Culiacan asked for a special prayer of protection. Culiacan is the main city for the biggest drug cartel in Mexico. They regularly hear gun shots and have to find ways to minister to people too afraid to leave their house.

William, in Peru, is doing well. He has partnered with someone in his church to start a residential rehab center. The facilities are very rustic but every man there is thankful for a safe place to go to leave his old life behind. The Gospel is always in the center and the men trust Jesus for a new life clean of past addictions.



I traveled to East Africa with our Africa Director, Workneh. We interviewed potential missionaries in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Uganda. Missions Door's new candidate, Misgana, serves the refugee population in Kampala. Uganda hosts 2 million refugees. They come seeking nothing but a safe place to live and work. I had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with Sudanese, Ethiopians, Congolese, Burundians, Rwandans, Eritreans, and of course Ugandans. After speaking they invited me to dance. Concerns grew when I noticed they were all ladies that surrounded my co-worker and me. They were all chanting and dancing around us. I was hoping it was not a marriage ritual.

We traveled to Argentina to visit two ministries on different sides of the country. In Merlo, God blessed us with the opportunity to be there on Baptism Sunday. Wow, what a blessing to see young and old make a public declaration of their faith.



In His Grace, *Aaron and Nancy*