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Quarterly Prayer Letter, April, 2016

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Lord's Name. As I read the most recent *Missions Banner* articles about "tomb sweeping" from Miriam and Sarah in China, and Mark and Wiwin in Cambodia, it struck me that here in the US we have our own springtime ritual that also involves sweeping to one degree or another. We call it "Spring cleaning." As far as I know, there is no religious or spiritual connection, though I suppose the old saying "Cleanliness is next to godliness" might come close. Mostly, though, the idea is to open up the windows, let the fresh air in, wipe away the grime that winter brings, and get the new year up and running with everything clean and ready for action.

Our practice here at PMU, as well as at the church, follows a similar calendar. Winter is a time for endurance through cold and dreary days. Even the holidays celebrated, as bright and joyful as they are, are but punctuation points that help us mark the time. But in Spring, well, that's a

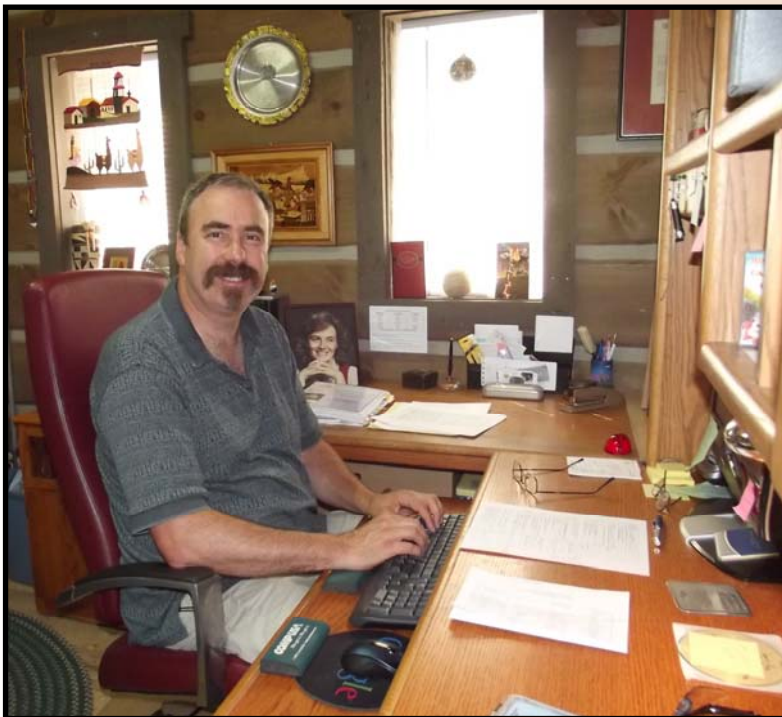
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different story. With the lengthening days comes new activity filled with the promise of accomplishment. The PMU office is ramping up for our annual budgeting process, missionary furloughs, the Council's annual meeting, and whatever Summer and Fall travels might be in the

works for the Field Director. There are new ideas for advancing our efforts on every field that need to be worked through, and for some reason - maybe it's the increase of vitamin D from the sun! - we seem to find new vigor in searching out the darker corners of procedural difficulties that often get overlooked during the Fall and Winter seasons.

Whatever the reason, we're busy sweeping away the cobwebs and getting busy with renewed energy. The same is true at the church. Our leadership met this month for a day long planning retreat; work to complete our secondary building has begun in earnest; work days are planned; new members are being welcomed into the fellowship; and new officers have been installed.

Dr. Pine in the PMU office



The Pines get some rest and relaxation on the Oregon coast, thanks to our church, Providence BPC!



The chaplaincy ministry is looking ahead to providing some training opportunities in the community in the coming months, and we are seeing a slight increase in our call volume. That's a challenge because we had to let a chaplain go earlier this year, and a second one has found it necessary to scale back his involvement due to the demands of his primary church ministry. So, things are busy!

Please pray for us as we face all of these and many other activities. Physically, I am limited at present by a blown disc in my lower back. It has been difficult to arrange to see a neurosurgeon for a consultation, and there are, of course, other treatment options available which make the proper plan

of action difficult to settle upon. Otherwise, we've had a wonderful vacation just recently which blessed and recharged us. We are eager to get this "spring cleaning" going full strength in the days ahead.

We are also very thankful that we do not have to do all the "cleaning" alone. Your partnership with us financially and spiritually is a tremendous boost to us. God is prospering our ministries through the Spirit's work in hearts, and your work to support our temporal needs. May He richly bless you, especially in your own "spring cleaning" efforts for the Kingdom of our Lord.

Grace and peace to you,

Len Pine



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“Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people.” Psa. 96:3

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