



### Renewal

### April 2021 Update

I am thankful that Easter comes at springtime after the cold gray of winter. But the winter of Covid has overshadowed a year of seasons, robbing us of friends and loved ones, keeping friendships at a painful distance, and dampening the sowing and reaping of all things good. Yet, we do not have to wait for Easter, the onset of spring, or the end of Covid for spiritual renewal, and we pray that the difficulties you have faced the last year have helped you realize even more the following truth:

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)*

Thankfully, there seems to be a thaw in our Covid winter with a hint of better things to come. Myra and I recently celebrated our 30th anniversary. We are thankful for the years of love, our beautiful daughters, the adventure of seeking Christ and His kingdom together, as well as God's abundant grace during difficult times. One of our favorite pastimes is walking or hiking, and Myra wrote this poem from our walk yesterday:



When I pause, I see the wealth  
Of violets, gold and green  
Carpeting the world in spring.  
When I pause, I hear the song  
Of birds heralding the new.  
When I pause, I breathe in life  
Fresh aroma of honeysuckle.  
When I pause, I feel as if all is well  
In that moment, and all that will be  
Is bathed in promise, in hope  
Entrusted in the hands of God  
Who makes all things new.

I often write of “our ministry”, but in this update I will focus on one of Myra’s projects. [Our Every Nation mission statement](#) says, “We exist to honor God by establishing Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered, socially responsible churches and campus ministries in every nation,” and Myra is in the process of developing a new course on Social Responsibility for our global training platform, [Leadership -215](#). Social Responsibility is when “we demonstrate the compassion and character of Christ to communities and cultures,” but in an age of polarizing culture wars, we need strong foundations and solutions. We should neither ignore suffering and injustice nor should we use all our energies in attacking false narratives instead of bringing God’s complete healing to the nations. (Rev.22:2)

Myra as well as a few others will be videoing the lectures and global examples over the next six weeks, and we are looking forward to rolling out the course by the end of the year. In other news, our teams on the field are doing well even though there have been new Covid surges and increased lockdowns. Please take a look at a recent feature video of our Every Nation church plant in Bucharest, Romania: [CLICK HERE](#)

Thanks for being a blessing to us and our ministry!

Mike & Myra

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1. New & sustained financial provision
2. Peace for Ukraine
3. Team development for projects in Romania, Czech Republic, Croatia, & Greece
4. Visas and registration for new teams in these regions

