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## “I’ve Got Your Back!”

May I confess something? I’m not really into slang. Sometimes when someone uses slang on Facebook, I am forced to do a Google search to understand the posts of my slangy friends.

Have you ever heard the slang expression: “I’ve got your back”? I looked it up – just to make sure I understood. The *Urban Dictionary* website gives the following definition: “An expression assuring someone that you are watching out for them. Comes from making sure you are safe by watching what’s behind you when you’re busy looking ahead.”

Have you ever faced obstacles bigger than you? A challenge greater than your resources? A stack of bills bigger than your bank account? A family crisis superior to your emotional strength? A predicament calling for more wisdom than you have?

At just the right time, a friend comes along and says, “I’ve got your back.” Just

when you were about to toss in the towel, someone says, “Don’t worry. I’ve got your back!” They may not use that particular figure of speech, but you know what they mean. They are behind you. Their words give you courage. At the very moment when you didn’t think that you could take another step, their words actually put a spring in your step. They *give* hope... just when you *lost* it.



“I’ve got your back.” I have heard those words a lot lately. Perhaps it is because the task is bigger than I am. Maybe because I feel overwhelmed. What a comfort! What a blessing! What a gracious word!

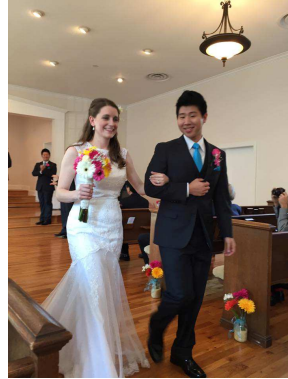
I heard them over the phone last night: “Keep calm ‘cause I’ve got your back.” I read them in an email. I heard them over a table at a restaurant. I heard them from someone who did not just flippantly say, “I’ll pray for you,” but they added, “You can count on it!” I saw those words in their eyes. I felt them in the firm handshake of a pastor in Kansas. I sensed them in a hug in Tennessee. I heard them in Illinois, Missouri, Louisiana, and Indiana. I heard them when pastors assured me of the financial support of their congregations. I felt them in the pat on the back in Kentucky. The assurances of prayer warmed a cold-weather welcome in Michigan.

Previously, I didn’t really like the slang. But I have different opinion now! This is the language of the family of God!

It reminds me of something Rueben Welch said, “Sometimes Jesus comes to you in the people that come to you.” Thank you!

**“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” - Philippians 1:3-5 NIV**

# Wedding Bells



*Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours!*

*We have reached our goal of one-time giving! Praise the Lord!*

*Thank you for partnering with us to train and disciple pastors and district leaders for the harvest in Africa!*

Our daughter, Rachelle, was married to Joe Oh on Saturday, October 25. It was a small wedding, designed principally for family members, but it was a beautiful ceremony. Rachelle was a beautiful bride. Okay. Okay. I am a little prejudiced here!

After the wedding, the couple returned to Grand Rapids, Michigan. In December, Joe will graduate with his undergraduate degree in international studies and anticipates following his parents' example, serving in a cross-cultural context. (His parents are from South Korea and serve in Bangladesh.) Rachelle will continue her studies at the graduate level in teaching English as a second language. They plan to live and serve the Lord in a cross-cultural context when she completes her studies in about a year and a half.

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for safety in travel as we continue to visit churches.
- Pray that we will have sufficient funds to permit us to return. (We face a day of reckoning with the leaders of the Africa Region just after the first of December.)
- Pray for the newly married couple that Christ will remain the center of their home and for Seth as he continues his studies.
- Pray for us as we make preparations for our journey (immunizations, work permits, etc.).
- Pray for Russ as he begins to prepare for teaching classes.

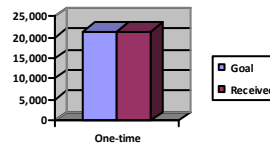
# Progress Report

As you know, Carla and I are returning to Africa as Mission Corps volunteers. We will not be receiving a salary from the Church of the Nazarene during the next two years. While Africa Nazarene University will provide housing and utilities for us and the Africa Region will provide a plan to supplement our health insurance, we will be required to raise support for operational expenses. We need to raise \$21,500 for one-time expense such as the purchase of a vehicle, travel expenses, and household setup.

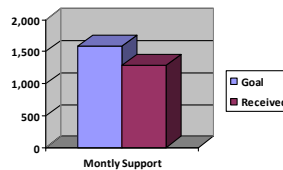
We need to raise \$1,590 per month for a two-year period for food, consumables, on site travel, etc.

So, how is our support coming

in? Here's the report: For the one-time giving, we have reached our goal of \$21,500! Praise the Lord!



On monthly support, we lack only \$305 out of the goal of \$1,590.



If you would like to partner with us, please go to our website and click on the "Give Now" link. If you want to give by check, please make your check payable to: General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene. Please do not make them out to us, or you will not be eligible for a tax deduction. All checks should be mailed to General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184.

Please include "Frazier/MissionCorps/Kenya" on the memo line of your check in order for the funds to go to the appropriate area of the world where we will be serving. If you have made a pledge but haven't begun to contribute, December is the month to begin.