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Dear Friends,

It is springtime here in Florida, and we are enjoying the warmer weather. It is that time of year when those of us who are into gardening are planting our gardens. I really enjoy working in my garden and watching my plants grow, anticipating the great day of harvest! It is enjoyable when Darlene cooks the fresh vegetables from our garden and makes us a big, fresh garden salad.

Missionaries are also gardeners. They work hard to prepare the soil for the planting of God's Word. They care for and nurture the ones that God has entrusted to them. Then comes that day of the harvest when they enjoy breaking bread with those new believers. Here at NTM Homes, it has been an honor to listen to and interact with the missionaries that have planted, cared for and taken part in seeing God's harvest.

The following story comes from one of our fellow staff members. In addition to their ministry of serving the retirees at NTM Homes, Steve and Lois Manda have a continuing ministry of sharing the gospel in Indonesia, where they served faithfully for many years. This is what Steve wrote about their most recent interaction with the churches in Indonesia.



"Lois and I praise the Lord for the chance to return to our tribal churches for one month and be a blessing. We spoke in five different settings that included three tribal churches and a youth group with about 30 young adults. We also participated in a two-day leadership seminar. About 12 pastors studied the Word together and planned for the year's events. It was a great time of catching up with everyone."

We went out to visit many friends in their rice fields. We had many meals with them and encouraged these dear believers with Hebrews 10:24-25. 'And let us continue to consider how to motivate one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another even more as you see the day of the Lord coming nearer.'"



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Another story comes from one of our retired men who has a ministry with Muslims. He wrote the following, *“This is a picture of Muslims praying in Iraq. I wrote to one Iraqi man this past month. He is now a Christian and is not praying like this anymore. Over the past four years I have written to people about the Lord—sending letters to 117 different countries! What a thrill that is for me.*

Writing to these people from all over the world gives me that satisfying feeling. It is just great to share the Lord with them. Most all of these people wrote to me about salvation. A few were Christians and asked me particular questions.”

Whether staff or retiree, each of us at NTM Homes has an ongoing ministry. As Paul said in I Corinthians 2:6, *“I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.”*

Praise God as He continues to use those at NTM Homes to see the world reached with His gospel. Thank you for praying for the NTM Homes ministry.

Blessings to you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck Marshall".

Chuck Marshall
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