



Steve and Kathy Austvold Summer 2023 Newsletter

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Greetings in Christ!

Summer seems to always go too fast. We are thankful to the Lord that we can continue to serve Him. Enjoy our mid-summer greeting!



June was a very busy month for us. We visited four churches in Minnesota and North Dakota. We were part of a local church's mission conference. Steve was able to be part of an installation service for a new lead pastor. We attended the national EFCA One conference in Fullerton, CA. Kathy spent a portion of each of the three days at the GlobalFingerprints booth. We both joined in one zoom call with a local church mission team. Steve met with another church mission team for a zoom call. Kathy assisted a couple churches with sponsoring GlobalFingerprints children using their VBS offering.


July has been a slower month, meaning that we have been home and have enjoyed inviting friends and people from church for visits. Steve has been part of a team going to a SD church for several months for church reconciliation. That ended this month. He had his annual two-day planning retreat right after all of the 4th of July activities that we hosted. He has also been preparing for the North Central District staff retreat in August.

One of the fun events in our city each July that our church participates in is the downtown event called Shop Move'n Groove. Our church is on the main street in the middle of businesses. Out on the sidewalk we set up a table with information, Bibles and the Jesus film CDs to give away, providing great opportunities for conversations. Inside several of our church families welcomed children (and parents) to play games and have their faces painted. It is a good way for us to meet people in the community. On the sidewalk we also had a table to sell Bridges4Justice products made by women in South Asia who are trained and employed by faith-based freedom businesses. If you are interested in learning more and buying these products go to <https://www.bridges4justice.org/collections/all>.



In May, Steve had his annual review. He will continue to serve two-thirds of the time for next 12 months. In mid-2024 he will probably be reducing his hours again. Our North Central District is beginning to look for a new director of mission mobilization. That position will likely start sometime in mid-2024. Pray for wisdom and the Lord's provision in finding the right person.

What are we looking forward to for the remainder of the summer? Time with friends at the lake. Going to the county fair this week. A two-week vacation at the end of July/early August. Connecting with more churches later in the summer.

 Steve is planning again to lead another Crisis Response team to Lake Charles, Louisiana in October.



Kathy has ongoing GlobalFingerprints responsibilities and will attend the annual Summit the week of September 11.

What motivates us is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a lost world in desperate need of truth, hope, and love! Read John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*

Continue to pray for us for good health and stamina. Pray especially for Kathy to be restored to full health. She is still being treated for parasites contracted during our trip to Asia in Feb/March.

Have a great summer and keep your eyes on Jesus!

Blessings,
Steve and Kathy Austvold

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