



April 2021: A Quick Video Update from Chicagoland

Hi Everyone!

We've loaded a 4-minute video that gives an update on our activities over the past few months, and some prayer requests for future travel. You can see the video on our facebook page or at this link: <https://youtu.be/2MgSjNOB940>

Here's a print copy of the update, in case you can't watch the video:

Carol: "Hi everyone, we just want to give you an update on what we're doing these days. God has given us opportunities to serve our family in ways we could not have guessed earlier. We've helped our youngest son, John, and his wife Kefei with their new baby, Declan, when they both had to work and study from home just as Covid 19 hit. Then we were able to help our daughter Nicole and her family as they transitioned to at-home schooling for their two oldest boys, while Sam, their youngest was also needing attention. It was a trying time for everyone – we're sure you've been there, too!

In recent months, we've been able to assist Bob's mom, who had hip replacement surgery followed by a fall that fractured her femur, greatly hindering her recovery. Mom has lived here in Illinois for the past 4 years with a woman who has a rather advanced case of Parkinson's disease, so we are currently giving care and support to both of these dear ladies."

Bob: "It has been a really great season of ministry for us, even though it is very different from what we planned when we came home for "one year" that has now grown to 18 months and counting! But while we've had these great opportunities to minister to our family that we were separated from for the previous 8 years, it has also been an amazing time of ministry for us in the Europe and Mediterranean Region of Converge!



"We're working with the **Omsk Theological Training Center** in Siberia helping them with curriculum for church planting, pastoral ministry and international missions. We're also working with **M4**, one of the largest and most effective church planting movements in Europe. They've asked us to assist them with their recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church planters.

"At the end of May, we are planning to go to **Rivne, Ukraine**, to participate in the second Multiplying Discipleship training that will take place there with pastor Valodya and 19 people from his church. You may have read about the first session that was completed via Zoom in February:

(see our February update at <http://bobcarolmarsh.com/resources/Feb%202021%20News.pdf>)

"We're also planning to be in Omsk in October. Please pray for these travel plans, and for the Christian church in Russia and Ukraine. You may have heard of the increasing military presence that Russia has massed at the Ukrainian border. This may be simply 'saber rattling', but one never knows! There is already increased pressure on the church in Russia, and there is great concern that the window for open worship and training of leaders is likely to close without divine intervention.

"Of course, we ask you for your continued prayer as we still hope to get to Poland to begin our church planting work in Szczecin, and to continue our Regional work from the Continent. We have been vaccinated, and are simply awaiting the opening of the borders, and our local church partners to be ready to receive us."

Thank for your prayerful and financial support of our work. God is greater than disease or political barriers, and we are seeing Him do great things!

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