

## Treasured Friends:

This brings our heartfelt gratitude for so many of you who prayed for us during our month-long trip to California and Costa Rica. What a difference it makes when we stand with each other in prayer!

## Northern California:

Our most tender moments were spent with Mary Anne's brother, **Bob**, and sister-in-law, **Jan**. They asked us to pray for his healing as he faces the recurrence of cancer of his vocal cords. As you read these lines, would you take a moment and pray with us for Bob's healing? We are asking the Lord to meet dear Bob and Jan in every single area of need,

You prayed for our protection as we traveled. Here's how God answered. Our granddaughter, **Nicole**, had asked us to drive an aging donated van from San Francisco to Los Angeles. All went well until just south of King City when the van stopped and refused to start. Three days and two nights later (!), we were on our way again praising God that this breakdown did not occur on the busy freeways of Los Angeles nor in the middle of the Arizona desert, when Nicole drove it on to Tucson.



## Southern California:

We enjoyed a few precious days with Jack's sister, **Sally**, his niece, **Elaine**, and other dear friends, before heading to Laguna Beach for a time of rest and prayer in **Sally Eimer's** lovely home. A personal joy for Mary Anne were frequent walks on the long, flat sandy beach at Crystal Cove, which is now #3 on her list of favorite beaches! (No small accolade!)

## Costa Rica

**May 2-6** we met with over 90 members of the United World Mission family engaged in a rich multiplicity of fruitful ministries in Cuba, the Caribbean and Central America. What a privilege to serve them!



As we mentioned in our last letter, we brought three expositions on the subject of **Unity** drawn from **John 17**. We also participated in the daily and deeply meaningful small groups. Here is the report we received from one of the leaders who planned the event:



*There was such deep joy as we watched people meet in small groups, share burdens, deeply listen to one another, pray for one another and experience community.*

*One of our highlights was having **Jack and Mary Anne Voelkel** as our conference speakers. They both ministered deeply to so many.*

## Tucson

Back home we found it took longer than normal to rest and recover, but we're getting there! We ask for prayer for **Mary Anne** as she prepares to speak in our church on **June 3 and 10**. She'll be sharing expositions from **Isaiah 40 and 41** which the Lord has laid on her heart.



## Toronto

**June 11-18:** Lord willing, Mary Anne flies to Canada to participate in **Geri Rodman's formal retirement** from InterVarsity Canada. The Board has asked her to share once again her appreciation for Geri's life and ministry. Please pray with us that this will be a deeply meaningful evening for Geri and all of us participating can honor her well!

Mary Anne hopes to greet our many friends at **Knox Church** on **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**.

## Our Thanks

We are very grateful to you all, more than we can say, for upholding us during our ministry trip of 28 days. The Lord gave us more significant experiences than we can include in this letter, protected us, met our needs, and used us to glorify Him. We praise Him with you.

In His Grace and Faithfulness,

*Jack and Mary Anne Voelkel*

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