



# ON THE GLOBAL EDGE

ministry update from Tim and Liz Barnes



## The Update from ... *Tim*

We know many of you are wondering what is happening with us, so here is a brief update.

### An End

My last day in the International Teams' U.S. office was Dec. 22. December was filled with the completion of tasks and the saying of good-byes. The staff held a nice lunch to honor the contribution that I had made over the past nine years in the global ministry of International Teams.

### A New Beginning

On December 24, I was introduced to the Richwoods Christian Church as the newest addition to the pastoral staff. Liz and the kids were also introduced. The following Sunday, December 31, I brought the message at the morning services. If you are interested, you can download the podcast of the service at [www.richwoods.org](http://www.richwoods.org). I will officially begin my role as Executive Pastor on January 15.

As Executive Pastor, I will be supporting the Senior Pastor by focusing on overseeing the staff, leadership development, and giving leadership to the operations of the

church. One of my first duties will be to speak at a small group leaders retreat on January 19 – 21.

For the time being, I will commute from our Chicago home, and spend a few days in Peoria each week. We would appreciate your prayers for the sale of our home, so that we can be settled in the Peoria area soon. As you can imagine, the timing of trying to sell a house is not ideal. But we are trusting God for His timing.

### Continued Connections with International Teams

As mentioned in our last newsletter, with the blessing of the elders of Richwoods CC, I will continue to do some consulting and project work for International Teams, primarily in the area of leadership development. In March I will be facilitating a gathering of international leaders who oversee multiple teams. This gathering of leaders will be held in South Carolina.

We will continue to raise missionary support for this involvement. ***This support will be used to cover expenses such as flights, meals, housing, office expenses, and a small stipend.*** If you have been supporting us, we would like to ask you to pray about continuing that support for at least the next year. International Teams will continue to receipt your donations and provide accountability.

### Family News from ... *Liz*

This has been an interesting few months for our family. We have all felt like we're in a holding pattern. Because I'm home more I've taken the lead in packing and getting the house in shape. I've been working for weeks on many projects: painting, drywalling, caulking, cleaning and re-cleaning. Tim has been a life saver by pitching in and doing most of the cooking!!!

I've finally had resolution to my tooth problem!!! Jim Powell, the senior pastor at Richwoods Christian connected me with an oral surgeon who attends the church.

Dr. Benjamin was able to squeeze me into the schedule this week. He did an amazing job. It's the first time in months that I haven't had any pain. Thanks you so much Steve! ... and Jim for making the connection!

Heather and Zach have finally come to terms with the idea of moving. Zach has even taken the sign off his door that says, "Deadly Mouse Inside." They are trying to fill up as much time as they can with their friends before we move. We've had quite a few slumber parties lately.

A December highlight for Heather and Zach was the opportunity to attend a Chicago Blackhawks hockey game on Heather's birthday. Kathy, a friend of ours, works for a company that has an executive suite box at the United Center. She and our family were the only ones in the box for the game. The kids were pretty excited and the Blackhawks won! Thanks Kathy!!! GO HAWKS!!!

We had a relaxing Christmas this year. We were able to spend time with each of our families in the Peoria area. And then we had a quiet family Christmas at our place in Algonquin. It's hard to believe that this will be our last Christmas here.

I must admit that even though it's taken longer for us to go through the moving process, the extra time to say good bye to friends has been good. When you know the time is short you tend to go deep quickly. There are a lot of people I am going to miss in Algonquin, East Dundee, Crystal Lake, and Woodstock. But ... God is good. He's shown Tim and I that Richwoods Christian Church is the right move for now. And eventhough there's sadness at not seeing my Northern friends as often - ***they will continue to be my friends.*** And I'm excited about the friendships and new opportunities ahead for each of us.



### Thank You

Thank you for your interest and involvement in our lives. We appreciate your prayers and concern. We are slowly getting our blog updated and back on track so you can keep up with all that is happening. Hopefully this will happen before I start on the 15<sup>th</sup>. You can access it at

[http://www.globalfour.typepad.com/global\\_edge/](http://www.globalfour.typepad.com/global_edge/).

### Contact Information

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We wish you all God's Blessings for 2007.

