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Our dear Co-workers for Christ at St. John ~

What a blessing to receive your gift of love for the support of our missionaries and their work of sharing the good news of our dear Lord Jesus! Thank you so much. So many congregations and individuals still don't realize that these missionaries have to raise their own support, and without the Lord sending folks like you, we couldn't keep the missionaries in the field. Your gift is more of a blessing than you realize or understand!

We still have so many folks visiting Mission Central nearly every day! It's a JOY to have people come here and see what the Lord has done with HIS old set of farm buildings. In a time like this we MUST always remember the words of **Psalm 121:7-8: "The Lord will keep you from all harm - He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore!"** What a comfort that is. The other day we had a group of young people here and an 8th grade girl, while in the barn for a tour, asked, "Missionary Gary, how do we know what we Christians believe is right and all other religions are wrong?" What an easy question to answer! We are the only religion in the entire world that has a "risen and resurrected" Son of God! No other religion has someone that came back from the dead, who lives and appeared to over 500 people at one time plus 12 individual appearances that are recorded for history in the Bible. Jesus lives, and told us because I live you too will live. We don't have to be afraid because this old world is NOT OUR HOME! Thank you, Lord, for giving us Jesus!

Pastor Toensing, thank you so much for allowing us to shift your support from the Asher family who are completing their ministry in Germany to provide this \$1,000 gift to our newest missionaries, Pastor Gerald and Heidi Paul, who are called to the Cayman Islands. The people in the Cayman Islands have been praying and praying for a missionary to come and establish a church there and for Heidi to start a preschool for the children. This is the very best gift you could have sent at "just the right time". The Paul family was here in September and I interviewed them and took their picture in my office. Please pray for these new missionaries. God bless you and keep you each day.

We wanted to enclose just a few pictures so you could see what goes on at this MIRACLE PLACE. We will be so happy when we can schedule more and more regional events for our dear missionaries as they come home on their furloughs. We have two events coming up as you can see from the pictures. Such special friends come and we always take their picture in our office with our Boss in the background. We would love to have you come and visit also. Just give us a phone call here at the Lord's Mission Central and we will be so happy to welcome you here! Please know how much you are loved and appreciated. We will SEE YOU LATER!

Your Co-worker for Christ, *Old Missionary Gary*

*At Mission Central, we make the Lord's Mission very, very personal. God's staff of 97 volunteers help make this happen. You know exactly where your gift is going, and we only work with restricted gifts!*