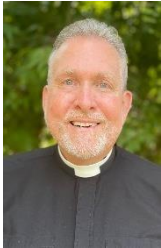




## Worship Equippers for Christ

*Missions Update for the Friends of Dean & Glorianne Schultz*



*Dear Friends,*

Joy-filled greetings from the Schultz's! Glorianne and I pray that this Christmas season will be a wonderful time of blessing for you and your family! We are doing well and wanted to update you on our ministry activities and prayer requests, so you know how to partner with us this New Year!

### FAMILY UPDATE

We praise our Good Shepherd for his faithfulness during this past year! On New Year's Day 2022, I came down with a severe case of COVID. Thanks to the prayers of God's people and an expert team of healthcare professionals, my health was restored, for which I am deeply grateful.

This summer Glorianne and I were blessed to take our first sabbatical in 43 years of missionary service. We enjoyed much-needed rest, visiting family, completing household projects, reading, writing, and planning for our future.

In October, we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with our children who hosted us for a special weekend. Our celebration included feasting on a sous vide steak dinner they prepared, adventuring through the Virginia countryside ablaze with color, picking apples at an orchard while munching on apple cider donuts, and visiting a rolling vineyard nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.



### MISSIONS UPDATE

Since churches and ministries are now gathering following the COVID pandemic, we were able to minister to Christians and spiritual seekers in person and continue using virtual platforms like Zoom to provide Bible studies, worship gatherings, retreats, and other opportunities for outreach. Many came in need of prayer for hurting marriage and family relationships, drug and alcohol abuse, loneliness, depression, and other addictions. During these ministry times, we witnessed precious lives being set free by the life-transforming Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teachings of God's Word.

Another highlight of our year was participation in the *New Wineskins Missionary Conference*, attended by pastors and missionaries from around the world. As these new friends visited our exhibit, we introduced our ministries and resources designed to help equip their churches and ministries for missional worship, evangelism, and discipleship.

One of the ministries featured at the conference we committed to partner with is the *Shade School* in Tanzania, Africa. This unique Christ-centered school ministers to children born with albinism, who suffer discrimination and violence by occultists who maim and even murder them for their witchcraft rituals. We have adopted a missions' project for 2023 to provide the children at the Shade School with easy-to-play musical instruments (autoharps, lyres, hand instruments) they can use in worship gatherings and for music education (to learn more visit [shadetz.org](http://shadetz.org)).



## THANK YOU FOR PRAYING

Please pray for God's leading as we schedule *Worship Equippers Intensives* and *Retreats* for 2023 to help equip churches and church planting teams for missional worship, evangelism, and discipleship.

For God's power to move during the *Men's Ministry Intensive*, we are hosting on Saturday, February 25, that will take a prophetic look at our sexualized culture and feature teaching on biblical masculinity.

For God's timing in taking a missions trip to India (on hold due to COVID) to help equip pastors and Christian leaders serving with the Good Shepherd Ministry who has over 4,000 churches.

For opportunities to partner with CMJ USA ([cmj-usa.org](http://cmj-usa.org)) in reaching out to Jewish people through evenings of worship featuring the singing of the Psalms accompanied by Davidic Instruments.

For health and safety as we lead our seventh pilgrimage to the Holy Land to "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus" January 16-26; and lead a pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey, and Rome from April 17-30 to "Walk in the Footsteps of Paul," (for info, go to [FaithPilgrimages.org](http://FaithPilgrimages.org))

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

Your financial gifts to our ministry are especially appreciated at this time as we seek to develop *year-end gifts* and *new monthly pledges* to provide the funding needed for our 2023 ministry budget. If you would like to help provide for this need, you can invest a *year-end gift* and/or set up a *monthly donation* at [worshipequippers.org](http://worshipequippers.org); or mail your gift(s) to Worship Equippers for Christ, 21010 Southbank St. #225, Potomac Falls, VA, 20165. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt.

Glorianne and I want to express our heartfelt thanks for co-laboring with us through your prayers and gifts. May you and your family have a wonderful Christmas celebration and a very blessed New Year!

*"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13:20-21)*

Your servant in Christ,

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