



Interview with your Missionaries

New Jersey— Our editors caught up with Ken and Sue Sawka as they were returning to Africa for a fifth missionary term. We asked them what it was like to be back in the USA and now return to the mission field.

Editor: So you're on your way back to Africa. Are you excited?

Sue: Yes we are! We already miss our friends here in the USA, but we're also excited about what will happen over this next missionary term.

Editor: What kind of things do you expect will happen?

Sue: Well, a big change for our family will be our oldest, Sarah, going to a missionary boarding school in Kenya. That's two countries away from us — and we'll miss her so much. It's not a change that the rest of us are excited about, but it's a big adventure for Sarah. She wanted to do this, and we think the Lord is in it as well.

Ken: We can't imagine our home without Sarah, but we know that it's God's will for her at this time.

Regarding our ministry, we have received requests from several language groups asking us to help them translate the Bible into their language. That's exciting!



Editor: Tell us about your time in the USA. The last time you got to visit with your friends and partners was in 2002. What changes have you seen since then?

Sue: People seemed busier than ever. It's so easy to get wrapped up in the things of the world and it's something that we all need to be on guard against.

Ken: Yes, we need to watch out for this and we always pray that churches do not become cold. The world is concerned with global warming but Jesus warned us about 'global cooling', [Matthew 24:12].

Editor: But this was a very busy time for you too.

Ken: It was way too busy. We built a house with the help of over 180 volunteer from 40 different congregations. The good thing was that we got to know some people better than ever as we spent time working together on the home. The house is now rented out and next time we are back [in the States] we'll have a place to live.

Editor: When will you be back?

Ken: Usually we spend four years away, but it's possible we could come back earlier next time to help Sarah get situated into a college if she's ready for that.

Editor: How long do you plan to continue in missionary work?

Ken: As long as God enables us — we want to keep working in missions. There are still tribes without God's Word and that's what our burden is.

When the Lord returns, we want Him to find us doing His work.

Editor: And your supporting team, are they continuing the work with you?

Sue: God has shown His faithfulness through faithful friends year after year. Ken preached a message about keeping our eyes on the vision. I think we all need to do that because the world has such a powerful pull on people.

If it wasn't for faithful people who pray and send we couldn't do this work. It is literally God's love reaching out through their lives.



Did you know that

Word for the World Bible Translators

- Sent a full time missionary team to begin work in Asia?
- Is working in eastern Europe with the Gypsies?
- Needs you to pray for work all around the world?



Keeping our eyes on the vision

A long distance swimmer* was attempting to swim the 26 miles from Catalina Island to the coast of California. It was a foggy day and after 15 hours of battling the waves of the Pacific Ocean she wanted to quit. The boats that were following her encouraged her to go on, but after

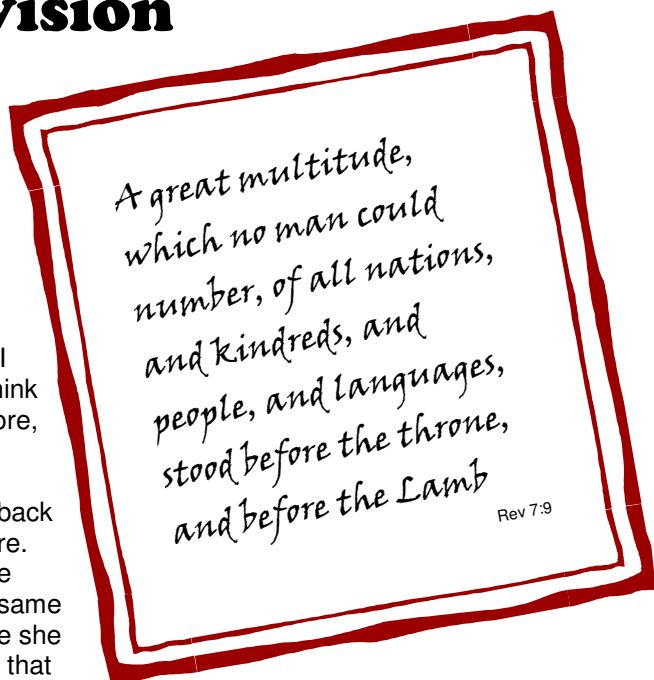


* Florence Chadwick succeeded when she kept the vision in mind.

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After taking her into the boat they found that she was less than a half mile from the shore. The next morning, when interviewed by reporters, she said, "All I could see was the fog...I think if I could have seen the shore, I would have made it."

Two months later, she got back in the water to try once more. This time was different. She swam a straight path. The same thick fog set in, but this time she made it, because she said, that while she swam, she kept a mental image of the shoreline in her mind.



God Answers Prayer!

- ☝ Thank God for His strength and protection through many miles of travel.
- ☝ For the help we received from friends who helped us pack and conclude the Missionary Home Building Project.
- ☝ For seven new prayer partners who responded to our last prayer letter.

Partners in the Gospel,
Ken, Sue, Sarah,
Elisabeth and Isaac



Praying together

- ✝ Please pray for adjustments to life in Africa
- ✝ For funds needed to purchase a vehicle in Zambia.
- ✝ For our passage through customs and wisdom in planning the next work in Zambia.



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I have seen the vision.
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Life is less than worthless
unless my all I give. Unknown

Keeping the vision!

Has the fog of this world blinded you from what God wants to accomplish through His people? Take a minute and consider how clear your vision is.

Three things that keep me from seeing the vision God has for the world.

(Hint: What takes up my free time?)

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Now list things you can do to help 'clear the fog' and keep God's vision in mind:

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