

A photograph of Mike and Peggy Yost. Mike is on the left, wearing a light-colored short-sleeved shirt and sunglasses, with his hand to his forehead. Peggy is on the right, wearing a red cardigan over a white shirt and sunglasses, also with her hand to her forehead. They are outdoors, with trees and a white globe on a post in the background.

October 2024

Mike & Peggy Yost

LIGHT OF LIFE

Where are Mike and Peggy?

Perhaps it has been a while since you have heard from the Yosts. In our last correspondence, we told you that we were in the United States, and that we would keep you informed of what was going on in our lives. Well, here are some highlights.

Our family, both close and extended, has been quite a highlight. We consider all of you family, and through the years our family tree has added many branches. Being close to home, we are really enjoying our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren too. We are also spending time with siblings. We didn't realize how much we missed them until we returned. Many of you have been praying for our oldest daughter, Anne. Praise God she is doing much better. Perhaps Mom's touch helped in the healing process. We are grateful to be together with them again.

We have also been doing some traveling visiting family, friends, churches, and others. There are so many we would love to see. We have discovered that this will take more time than we thought. If we haven't seen you yet, that doesn't mean that we don't want to.

Another highlight was attending a debriefing session to help us adjust in our transition. We realized how much of a change we were going through. It was very helpful because transitioning and leaving behind what we were doing was very difficult. It is comforting to know that God is always with us.

Cornerstone International

One of our visits was with Cornerstone International, our sending agency. Those that send support know this organization. They have cared for us in many ways. Did you know that they pray for all of their missionaries more than once per week? We have been covered in prayer; how great is that!

While we were visiting them at the board meeting, we made the decision that we would retire from being missionaries abroad on November 30. The saying, "Once a missionary always a missionary," rings true for us. We will not stop until He calls us home.

That brings up the question of our financial support. We have been blessed with a support base all these years and are so grateful for all of you who have been faithful. This decision to retire brings our support raising to a close. We will no longer receive funds through Cornerstone International. CI is a faith-based mission sending agency and if you feel led to send support to them it will bless the other missionaries who are still serving around the world.

CI has recently developed a retirement program for missionaries. During our time on the field, we did not build a retirement program for ourselves. Some of you faithful supporters have asked about continued support for our retirement years. If you would like to join that blessing, please contact us personally and we can discuss the process.

What's Next?

You may ask, "What is next for Mike and Peggy?"

We have been told by other missionaries that have returned after a long service that it will take a year or more to settle into a new community. We have been blessed with the "Wee house" provided by our son and daughter-in-law and will make this our permanent home. That is unless God has another plan. It needed some repairs that keeps Mike busy and out of Peggy's hair in our transition.

We are located in Willard, Ohio; our address is listed below. We are visiting churches to find one nearby where we will feel at home. Our home church for all these years is a bit of a drive and we are praying for opportunities to serve in our new community. Willard is a farming community with a Latino presence, perhaps we can use the Spanish we learned in Honduras to serve His purposes here.

We are serving at a Christian-based, after-school program close to our home that meets two days a week. Mike is always happy in a room full of children. The building has a maintenance group that Mike may also join to fill some of his time.

We have been helping family and others with small repairs that give us time to spend with them too.

The good news is that Mike's health is still doing well and his cancer is in remission. We will give God the glory for that and enjoy every day that He gives us.

Thank you for being a part of this big season for us. We are so thankful to be able to walk this journey of faith and faithfulness with other believers. Please continue to pray for us as we make this transition.

Prayer Requests:

- Peggy is struggling with some medical issues. Pray for the medical professionals to resolve them.
- Continue to pray for our daughter, Anne.
- Pray for our future mission work wherever God leads us.
- Pray for our transition to go smoothly.

Praises:

- We give praise for the great deals we have encountered in furnishing our home.
- Praise for Mike's health.
- Praise for all of you who have faithfully been with us through this journey.
- Praise God from whom blessings flow.

-Mike and Peggy Yost



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Dear friend,

Thank you for supporting Mike and Peggy Yost in prayer and finances through these years. You have been such an encouragement and a vital part of their work in Honduras. On Nov 30th, when they officially retire from Cornerstone International (CI), it will be the end of an era - and, as you might guess, the doorway to a new chapter of ministry for them. That new doorway is still coming into focus, but ministry is not an activity for Mike and Peggy, rather it is an expression of who they are. Their time as missionaries in Honduras may have come to a close, but they will continue to live missional lives as long as the Lord provides them strength.

We respect, honor, and give gratitude for their ministry among us.

- *"It was with joy that we received your application many years back. You guys served so well."* Duane Jones, Former CI President
- *"A beautiful model of obedience, faithfulness, and hospitality."* Hal Hamilton, CI President
- *"They have been exemplary."* Suzanne Jones, CI Strategic Prayer Intercessor
- *"A great example of 'well-done, good and faithful servant'."* Ray Smith, CI Board Vice-Chair



Thank you for partnering with Mike and Peggy through CI to obey the call to make disciples of the nations. We encourage you to send them a card expressing gratitude for them, for their ministry, and anything else the Lord puts on your heart as you ponder and pray for this transition. You can send those cards to 315 Dale Avenue Rear, Willard, Ohio 44890.

Mike and Peggy are remaining on payroll with CI as missionaries through Nov 30th. After Nov 30th, their account with CI will be closed. Please contact them directly if you wish to continue to support them financially into this transition. Thank you once again for your partnership in the Gospel with Yosts in Honduras.

Sincerely,

Hal Hamilton
President, Cornerstone International