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fpc global missions quarterly update



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## WORDS TO LIVE BY

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’” *Matthew 25:37-40*

## EXPERIENCING THE WORLD

### Tim Fearer to Speak at FPC

Come and hear Tim Fearer, a FPC-supported pastor and professor of Old Testament in Turkey, speak at FPC on this Sunday, March 9. Tim will be speaking during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School slot in Room 300, and then briefly at the 10:45 contemporary service. Tim has been teaching at Turkey's Hasat Church Seminars since 2005, which is the only Protestant theological education and leadership development program that is accredited by a university in England.

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## GOD'S SERVANT(S) IN FOCUS

### Dan and Stef – Central Asia

Dan and Stef work in an area of the world that is not hospitable to

Christian missionaries, which is why we leave out some of the details when we share about the work they are doing. They have been ministering to those around them through relationships in a country that violently persecutes Christians.

In addition to the relationships they are building, Dan and Stef have found other ways to serve their community. The country they are in is experiencing a particularly cold winter, and many people are suffering because they cannot buy wood to heat their huts. Dan and Stef, with a group of other colleagues and local leaders, purchased a bunch of wood and distributed the particularly destitute families in the surrounding neighborhoods. They were able to help 40 families in total.

Please keep Dan and Stef in your prayers as they continue to reach out to those around them, that the Lord would protect the Christian community in that country and that more people would be reached through their obedience to Him.

#### Bill and Lydia VanDyk – Denizli, Turkey – I.D.E.A. Ministries

Bill and Lydia have been serving in Turkey since 1999, first in Antalya (a larger city) for four years and then in Denizli (a small city) for the past three and a half. During their time in Denizli, the VanDyks have focused on starting up a small business as a means to foster relationships with the local people and to financially support their ministry. The business, called Kreative Kids, included a small shop that sold educational books and toys, as well as an English speaking club for adults and children. The language club in particular had been prosperous for the Van Dyks and this served as an excellent opportunity to spend time with the people in the community.

Recently, the Van Dyks have encountered some difficult issues in their business. Despite receiving advice to the contrary from a hired accountant in the area, their business has been shut down and fined because Bill and Lydia did not have work visas. They have been receiving from some of the people in the area that the troubles they have been experiencing are because they are not welcome in Denizli.

Currently, the Van Dyks are making plans to return to the U.S. to reevaluate and pray for what they are to do next. Please keep them in your prayers as they ask the Lord how He wants to use them, whether in Turkey or elsewhere. If you would like to learn more about their status or to encourage them, you may email them at [vandyks@highrange.org](mailto:vandyks@highrange.org).

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