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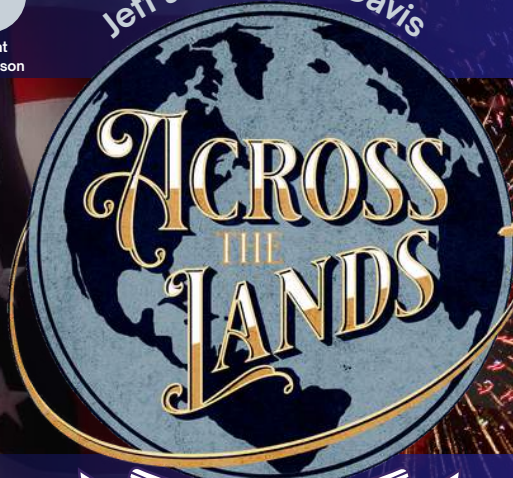
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All Things Ephemeral

As I sat down to compose this letter, the windows in my office seemed to rattle from the explosion of fireworks set off by neighbors near our house. I guess many people took advantage of the vacation weekend and started the celebration early because this had been going on for four days. The APA (American Pyrotechnics Association) predicted that sales of rockets, missiles, Roman candles, aerial spinners, parachutes, sparklers, poppers, fountains, jumping jacks, and firecrackers would increase over sales from 2022. Americans spent \$2.7 billion on fireworks for this July 4th. That is four times more than was spent in 2012 when sales stood at \$645 million. They are predicting that sales will exceed \$3.3 billion by 2028. That is a lot of money up in smoke. I love fireworks as much as the next guy, but fireworks don't last, simply a brilliance that is ephemeral. We don't often use that word, but it is a wonderful description of everything earthly, including our lives. James 4:14 says that even our lives are but a vapor "that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." According to Webster's Dictionary, the word ephemeral means something that lasts for a very short time. Synonyms would be temporary, brief, transient, fleeting, passing, momentary, impermanent, and short-lived

Where should our focus be? "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Matthew 6:19-20 Henry M. Morris in "Days of Praise" wrote, "All of these eternal things—eternal redemption, eternal salvation, eternal inheritance, eternal habitations, and eternal glory—are of infinitely greater value than the temporal things that crowd our minds and limit our goals. They are all a part of

the wonderful eternal life we have already received through faith in Christ. The very first eternal thing mentioned in the Bible is the everlasting covenant God made with all men (Genesis 9:16). The last is the everlasting gospel to be preached to all men (Revelation 14:6)." Your faithful support of our missionaries and our work demonstrates the importance you place upon interminable things, defined by Webster as something that has no end. Thank you for your eternal investment in EMU International and our missionary family.

As we entered into July, two of our missionary families are grieving the loss of loved ones. Please be in prayer for missionary Kornel Crnkovi? as his father, Duro, passed away on Saturday, July 1. Kornel's mother Zdenka went to be with the Lord on December 20, 2022. Also, please pray for Kristine Espinel as her father, Stan McCune, was called home to heaven on Monday, July 3. The Espinels have returned from Uruguay to the USA for three weeks. Especially be in prayer for Kristine's mother Miriam.

Tim and Cheryl Chapman and their family arrived safely in the USA from Peru for furlough on June 30. Also, Tim and Ruth Bixby and their family, minus their son Micaiah, returned to the USA from France on July 4 for a quick 2-month furlough. Micaiah could not get off work to come with them, but he will join them in the USA at the end of July. Rick Jensen is looking forward to returning to Uruguay after three years. His flight leaves on July 29. To read a detailed description of the ongoing projects at Camp Emmanuel, or to give online, please visit <https://emuinternational.org/campmanuel/>. Thank you for your faithful prayers.

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