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This week has been all about getting a hundred and one things done before we "fly away home" to Cote d'Ivoire. Our 'landing pad' where we get our U.S. mail is again prepped and cleaned for an extended absence. Seven personal U.S. partner connections lasting an hour or more were made where we were able to share the ministry God is doing through us together. There were also opportunities to be with beloved retired missionaries and friends while we reconnected with yet other wonderful ministry partners, and potential ones, during briefer moments. Two visits were especially poignant, realizing it might be the last time to see those dear faces here on earth.

On that note, we honor by mention one particularly precious and godly friend and pastor, Tom McCullough. He took his flight Home this week after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was a friend with whom much ministry in Michigan was done and planned over many decades. Tom's faithful love and service to Jesus reminds us to "ponder anew what the Almighty can do", as a favorite, old hymn of his and ours, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty", puts it.

Prayer and Praise

- Verlin has a difficult airport transfer in New York that may cause a problem with his connecting flight to Europe. Ask that customs goes smoothly and that he find a speedy ride to the second airport. Verlin flies out Sunday afternoon to arrive in Abidjan Monday night.
- Pray for good conversations with people on flights and in airports that point them to Jesus or encourage them in their faith. Debbie flies from Nashville on Tuesday to arrive in Abidjan Wednesday.
- Pray for the McCullough family, especially Tom's son, his sisters, and mother.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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