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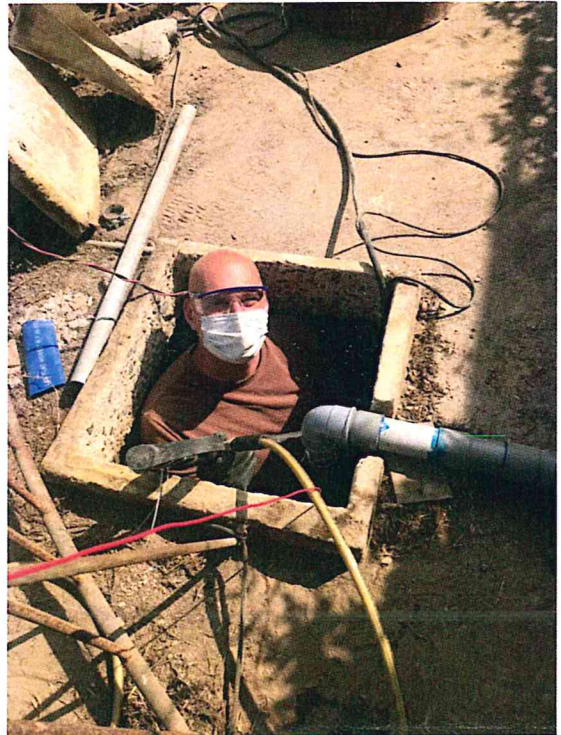
Update... "what's happening"

JOBS YOU MAY NOT WANT TO APPLY FOR...

Mikel used to say that missionary work is doing much of the same work everyone else is doing....just in a different location in the world. There is a conception that missions is preaching the Gospel and seeing miracles every day. God does indeed give every Jesus follower in the world, whether in their home culture or a different culture, the privilege of participating in bringing people back into relationship with Him. Yet in the accomplishing of that, there is a lot of the work of living that just has to be done anywhere in the world.

Brother Lawrence, the monk of old, is quoted as saying He served the Lord by washing pots and running errands. So mission work of today is doing the day-to-day work "as unto the Lord"

Even when it comes to work on the septic system.



Helping Hands' Plans.....for Mikel & Barb

The African proverb, "if you want to run fast, run alone, but if you want to run far, run together" is never more true than in mission work. Apostle Paul said it another way, "We are all members of one body, each doing its part as we build each other up." We need each other!!

When our book-keeper, Betty, retired I was reluctant to take over book-keeping because I wanted to be free to go over-seas when the Lord called. During that time, God gave me (Barb) a "word" through a sermon on Abraham taking his son Issac up the mountain for sacrifice. The word was, "When you get there, what you need will be there." God has provided for us a wonderful servant-hearted lady from Living Hope Church, who will collect the donor checks, deposit them, and send the receipts to you who faithfully support us. She will communicate with me, and I will continue keeping the books. I will send you the annual giving receipt as EFMI has done each year. Thank the Lord with me for Carolyn, who is helping us with this part of the ministry!!! I am SO very thankful for her willingness to do this!! So when you get a hand-written receipt, thank the Lord for Carolyn!!



Papua New Guinea update:



When this pandemic started, I almost promised myself, I would not use the word COVID-19 in any of my letters because I was so sick of seeing it in every bit of news and organizations' literature....So I apologize in advance for writing it here! Having worked in a community for over 30 years, even though one physically leaves, your hearts and the people's in the community are still knit together. In stressful times, we reach other to each other! In the past several weeks, I (Barb) have received many emails from friends reporting the huge outbreak of COVID and death toll in the villages. Many have read stories that are confusing about disease and vaccines. Coming from a culture where things were routinely attributed to sorcery, makes our Western stories even more confusing. They are asking, "what is COVID and should we get vaccinated?" Several who are writing were babies that I cared for and are alive today because our mission health team consistently vaccinated against whooping cough and measles. On the left is a picture of Bryan, a baby I cared for, who wrote asking for guidance. Following up on my reply, Bryan writes back with this picture, "Hi Mum, I've prayed about with my wife and we decided to "use the tools God has provided. We got vaccinated!" I'm humbled and thankful to still be a part of the lives of those we love in PNG!

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