



LAMPEN LINES

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In 1992, as we prepared to leave for language school in Costa Rica, Lori's parents gave us a full-sized Sears Craftsman toolbox with a variety of basic tools. It arrived in Bolivia dented but functional and became part of the baggage we hauled to each mission house we lived in for the next twenty-six years. Every house repair found Rick rattling away as he dug to see if he had the "right" tool for the job. Several upgrades and additions were made to the toolbox over the years. We sold it before moving back to the States last March, but it had served us well!

In many ways, we have been custom filling another "toolbox" over this last year to help us in our new roles as Area Member Health Leaders for Europe and Asia. Our Member Health leaders suggested trainings and resources they felt would be helpful tools to add to our missionary field experience. You may remember we arrived back in the U.S. two weeks before the pandemic hit. In God's goodness, we have been able to access many of these trainings and have dedicated time during this last year to become better prepared to serve.



- All necessary vaccinations are completed. We are ready for international travel!
- We have scheduled in-person interviews to be approved for Global Entry passes, which will lessen time waiting in lines during international travel
- Became trained in member health assessment tools (such as Cerny Stress Assessment, 16 Personality Factor)
- God answered prayers during the virtual March Renewal! Even a loss of internet coverage did not derail us! nineteen global workers attended the event led by the member health team.

What is Renewal? A gathering of global workers who are returning from their fields of service to provide a time of rest, reflection, stress assessments, and training in pertinent subjects like resiliency & self-care and fellowship. Our member health team offers Renewal three times a year to our global workers.

- Rick's studies continue through advanced classes in professional life coaching.
- We are connecting with WGM's global workers in Europe & Asia through in-person visits domestically, Zoom calls, and texting on a regular basis.

☑ Upcoming Events:

- Training by Paracletos in missionary debriefing, May 16–22
- Risk and Management Assessment training, May 24–28
- IMPACT, a leadership training for WGM staff, June 21–25
- Renewal (in person), July 14–16
- Pastors to Missionaries Conference, September 27–October 1

Because of your faithful giving and praying, our toolbox is more complete than ever, and we sense we're better prepared to serve our people well in this new role. As restrictions are being lifted, international travel should be more feasible soon. Our next step is actually traveling to Europe and Asia! We are confident God's timing is perfect and are very grateful for you walking alongside us on this journey.

Your global workers,

Rick & Lori
Area Member Health Leaders for Europe & Asia



While we may not have the stamp in our passports, we thoroughly enjoyed our weeklong virtual mission trip to Albania!

If a virtual missions trip sounds interesting to you, see www.wgm.org/vmt. There is an upcoming trip for Papua New Guinea you can sign up for now!

"Now may the God of peace...equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ." Hebrews 13:20–21 (NIV)