

We have been greatly encouraged through the years, especially when we were overseas with the IMB, by the love and support of Illinois WMU. The birthday cards, letters, invitations to speak at WMU events, faithful prayers, and even personal visits on the field, as well as the annual Christmas gifts, were a great encouragement to us. They were reminders that we were not alone, because we knew Illinois WMU, as well as the Lord, of course, was standing with us. This was never more evident than during Mark's illness twenty years ago, when we were especially aware of the thousands of prayers being offered up daily on his and our behalf. The hospital visits, boxes of homemade cookies, science fiction paperbacks, and other tangible expressions of love and concern by Illinois WMU and Acteens groups are a precious memory we will treasure always.

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