

Dear Friends,

We have received a wonderful gift. At this special time of gift giving, against all odds, Ramonda Krasniqi received her Education Visa. I will be flying to Croatia for a short visit with my daughter's family and bringing Rajmonda back with me. A special thank you for your prayers and to those who responded with donations for her college expenses.

Palliative Patients

Bob Striler, in spite of his many health issues, continues to minister to our Palliative Patients. What an incredible work – to be there for the last days of a person's life! Their needs are varied. Some would like to have a special food they cannot afford. Others may want to visit a relative or to have a bible. Often Bob learns something in this end of life process that brings peace to the family left behind.

Croatia

Laura and James Albright continue to work with people in need in several Croatian communities. They provide mostly food but often need to help with other needs.

Zimbabwe

You may remember a young man from Zimbabwe who was stranded here in 2003. He has returned to us. We will write more later about his family and needs.

Containers

We are in the early stages of providing assistance to a community of about 20,000 in Uganda. They have no high school, hospital or clinic, dental facility or adequate food. Many have HIV but don't know it because they lack the equipment to do blood tests. We're expecting to send the first container in the spring of next year.

Kosovo continues to be a place of great need. We will also be sending a container to Kosovo next year. We will be focusing on children.

In addition to medical equipment and supplies, we need school supplies, clothes, shoes, non-perishable food and sports equipment and clothes. Please let me know if you can help with these items.

Changing the World

I have been introduced many times as 'someone who thinks she can change the world'. How that is possible has changed for me through the years as I suspect it does for everyone. When you are there for someone when everyone else has left, it is easy to see how you are able to give that person hope when they thought all hope was gone. I'm humbled when someone comes to tell me that they were on the brink of suicide when I showed up. In those cases, that person's world was changed.

But the one we miss, it seems to me, is the simplest of truths. It is when we act out of who we really are rather than out of who we think we are. It's the lesson we're taught over and over in the Christian Bible and I suspect in most Holy Books. It has to do with not judging, loving our

neighbor, and being kind to someone who is not being kind to us. When you do that, you literally change the dynamic of the situation and cause the person with whom you are involved to glimpse the Good that dwells in every human heart. If we are ever to be a part of changing this world that so desperately needs changing, this is what we must do. How long have I read those words and understood in part! God help us to see.

Thank you dear friends for your prayers and support.

God bless,

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