



# Scott & Monica Burns

Whatever God wants  
Whenever He wants it  
Whatever it costs

## Update Letter

October 2010

The months of July, August and September have been a crazy whirlwind, filled with difficult challenges and amazing provision from the Lord! We have been rushed off our feet and so are glad to finally get time to stop and update you on what happened over the summer.

**In July**, we flew to Malaysia for CRM's World Wide Conference which is held every four years. It was exciting to see God provided the finances we needed so that we could attend. The conference was incredible and was a great opportunity to bond with the team we will be joining in Scotland. During the conference many of us were released from burdens that have kept us weighed down. The conference was a gift to us all and was a powerful way to experience the relationships and dynamics of our team. Scott's Visa expired the day we departed for Malaysia and so we prayed heavily that he would be able to reenter the U.S. without difficulty after the conference. Prepared with lots paperwork and the power of the Spirit through your prayers, Scott experienced the easiest entry into the U.S. yet and was permitted to be here for 90 days on a visitor visa! Praise God!

**Early August**, shortly after Malaysia, we headed down to California for my annual family vacation (with some support raising stops along the way). On the way our only car broke down and the cost of repair was too expensive to justify fixing. In God's Sovereignty, we broke down almost 5 hours into our trip, outside of Medford where my family lives. We got towed to my mom's house and were able to borrow her car for the week. We had no idea what we were going to do for a vehicle once our time in California was over... but God did! We had planned to stop by our friends' house in N. California for a quick visit on the way home and ended up leaving with one of their cars?!?! When we returned to Portland, some other friends allowed us to borrow their van. There is no way we could have survived the next month without use of the car and van! To add to the mix, my employer decided to transition to the new dental hygienist 2 weeks earlier than planned. I panicked at first, but in retrospect I realize there is no way we could have packed, moved out, and shipped our belongings had I been working! God's plan wins again!

On **August 30<sup>th</sup>** we moved out of our apartment and rejoiced that we were now "homeless missionaries"! We stayed with our friends, the McDonalds, for a few days before moving into our pastor's house in Wilsonville which has been a tremendous blessing. The first week we hardly saw the Tatlocks because we were so busy: Scott was the Best Man in our friends Jared and Erin's wedding and I volunteered to help with decorating. In amongst those duties, I was working on labeling and shipping our boxes to Scotland (you should see my muscles now after all that lifting!). Scott and I were going so many different directions the first two of weeks of September that we hardly saw each other!

It had been our plan to depart for Scotland on **September 14<sup>th</sup>** but my UK visa didn't arrive and so we have delayed our departure as we wait on it being processed. The Tatlocks graciously continue to host us and treat us as family while we wait. The delay has turned into a blessing, as it has allowed us more time to spend with our friends, to continue support raising (we have 100% of our one-time costs and 45% of our monthly budget) and to rest together before we dive into ministry in Scotland.

It is now **October**. We finally got news that my visa is on its way and so we'll be flying out on **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We are excited to embark on this next stage of the journey. We are ready!!!

We love you all and we know that we couldn't do this without you. YOU are a huge part of the ministry God has entrusted to us and we are so grateful for all your love, prayers and financial support.

Thank you for serving alongside us,

*Monica & Scott*

P.S. Our monthly newsletter will begin next month. It is more cost efficient to email the newsletter to you and so if you are willing to receive it electronically, please email me ([monica.burns@crmleaders.org](mailto:monica.burns@crmleaders.org)) to let me know.