

Nobleford Christian Reformed Church

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What is it like to be a missionary family, living in Africa?

What do you DO, during the day?... Some of you asked us this, when Nobleford Christian Reformed Church so generously supported our work with CRWRC (now World Renew) in Niger from 1999 to 2006.

We NOW have the answer in book form for you! *Letters Home, Pictures from Niger* are short stories, poems and pictures from our life and work in Niger.

If you are interested to know more about our what it is like to raise a family with young children in one of the poorest nations in this world then I invite you to join me on my first day of work, sit in on a language lesson, barter with a taxi driver, attend a literacy class, and reflect on the experience of being rich while living and working among people who just wish to have access to enough food to feed their families year-round.

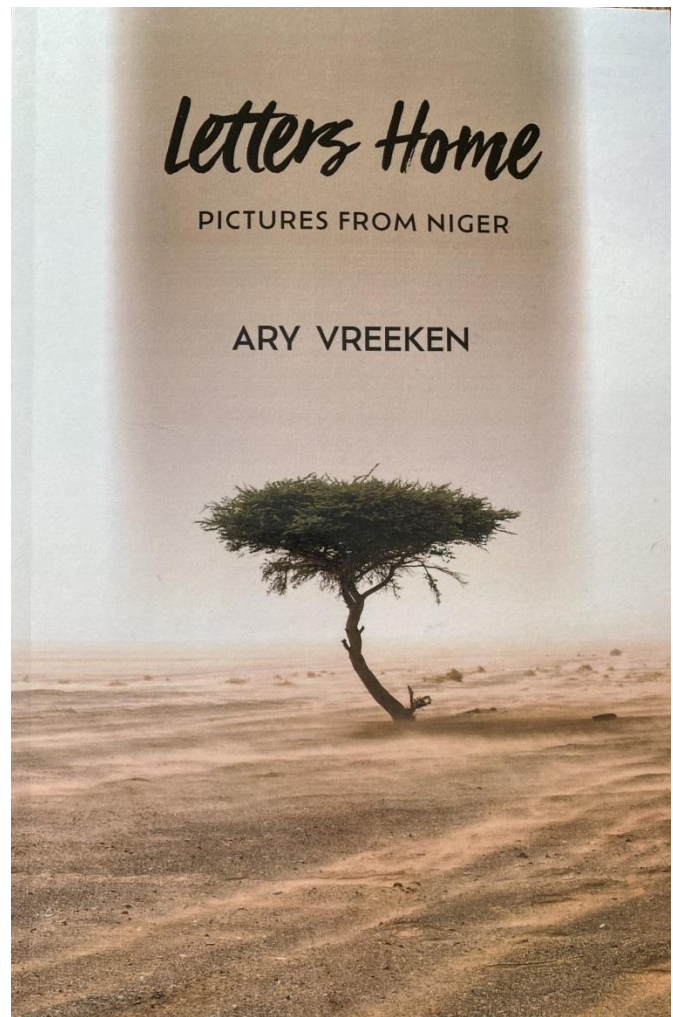
The book is now available at www.aryvreeken.ca, the Friesen Press website, and at a bookstore near you (Kindle version available). **Let me know what you think about it!**

Blessings, Ary Vreeken.

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Diaconal Ministries Canada

Join us in Inspiring, Empowering, and Equipping Deacons and Congregations. - Our Diaconal Coaches have a passion to serve! They work with CRC deacons to help them engage with their local community, promote stewardship, live justly and love mercy—and work out their calling in their church and community. Help us grow the impact of our coaches! Your one-time or monthly donation will help us extend our reach and increase our impact! Donate to diaconalministries.com/donate-now/ or etransfer at dmc@crcna.org

NewGround Sunday - May 5th - God is constantly at work, doing new things and making a way for positive change in unexpected places (Isaiah 43:19). He longs for churches to follow Him into their communities to be a part of their transformation. The NewGround Program of Diaconal Ministries Canada (formerly Operation Manna) helps churches in this journey, connecting them with amazing local ministries that share the love of Christ and lead to the flourishing of all people and places. Find out more on our website today: diaconalministries.com/newground/.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Following Jesus, Henri Nouwen wrote, “Celebrating life is not a party but an ongoing awareness that every moment is special and asks to be lifted up and recognized as a blessing from on high.” How might you become more aware of the moment-by-moment blessings you receive each day? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: I Wonder - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus’ friends were filled with wonder when they witnessed his miracles and teachings. When he told stories, he painted a picture in their imaginations of a better world where there would be no more pain or sadness, a world where people with their whole hearts would love God and love their neighbors. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

The Banner

The Annual Banner Appeal is Underway! - The 2024 appeal for The Banner, the CRC’s award-winning monthly magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: TheBanner.org/Give

World Renew

World Renew Tanzania and Kenya Discovery Tour - Join us on an enriching journey to East Africa, travelling to Tanzania and Kenya from June 11-25, 2024, where you will experience a little bit of everything—meet vibrant communities, learn about East African culture, experience a safari, and witness firsthand the power of compassionate action! This is your invitation to be a part of something truly meaningful—a journey of inspiration, hope, and transformation with World Renew. Registration Deadline is May 11th, 2024. For more details on this life-changing tour, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2024tourtkflyer>