

NTM Homes

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Good Morning! Here at NTM Homes, we are truly grateful that we are nearing the end of the 2019 Hurricane season. Dorian had more of an impact on some of you living further north along the east coast than on those of us living in Florida.

We have been looking at the general statistics of our aging missionaries at NTM Homes. In the American culture today, there are numerous studies measuring age-related productivity. These statistics indicate that the 30-40 age group, due to physical strength and youth, are more productive than the 60-70 age group, based on industry, manufacturing and service-related businesses. What about the 80+ age group?



It is interesting that, in Scripture, our heavenly Father often had older individuals serve and lead. Consider Abraham at age 99 and Moses at 80 — both significantly impacted the nation of Israel.

What do missionaries do when they retire? At NTM Homes we have 142 retired missionaries, and the average age is 80. Most of them are quite active in ministry, for example:

- **Linda, age 74**, is translating Scripture for the Siawi people group in Papua New Guinea (PNG).
- **Tom & Corrine, ages 85 & 80**, are revising teaching materials and the Scripture translation for the Hamtai people group. Tom uses FaceTime to interact with Malcom, the main Bible teacher in PNG, who, in turn, teaches other leaders.
- **Edna, age 86**, is working on back-translation (tribal language to English) for a variety of languages in PNG. Formatting and punctuation-checking can be very complex and tedious.
- **Jack, age 79**, proofreads and back-translates Scripture in a variety of languages.
- **Bob, age 68**, visits the Ethnos360 training center in Missouri to help train future missionaries.
- **John, age 82, and Jim, age 79**, travel frequently to teach at the missionary training centers in England and Indonesia.
- **Mary G, age 84**, ministers online by teaching, counseling and answering Bible inquiries from around the world.
- **Loretta, age 80, and Mary C, age 89**, grade Bible study papers that prisoners complete.
- **Marv, age 71**, volunteers four days a week on grounds maintenance at the NTM Homes.
- **Marcie, age 70**, volunteers at NTM Homes in the kitchen and with facility housekeeping.
- **Joe, age 82, and Dave, age 76**, assist the NTM Homes Chaplain with hospital, nursing home and shut-in visitation. Joe and others serve in the Juvenile Detention Center and County jail.

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- **Patsy, age 77, and Laura, age 76**, weed and keep up with yard debris at NTM Homes.
- **Marion, age 80**, teaches a Bible study for the ladies at NTM Homes.
- **Joe, age 82; Dave, age 76; and Karl, age 75**, serve on the NTM Homes Leadership Team.

This is a partial list. It does not include those involved in local churches, teaching in Sunday School classes, singing in choir and leading home Bible studies.

NTM Homes facilitates our retirees' ability to continue to serve. They use their God-given talents to serve, reaching the unreached.

This would not be possible without you! Your prayer and financial support assist our staff in maintaining NTM Homes and keeps the maintenance costs low for our retirees.



Also, some of our winter volunteers have begun arriving. **Pray** for safety in travel and work for these 30 volunteer couples who will serve at NTM Homes over the winter months.

Pray for our staff for wisdom and safety in their ministries at NTM Homes. We have the following staff needs: Mechanic; General Maintenance; Cook (Couple); Nurse (RN); Personal Care; Housekeeper (2); Electrician; Grounds Manager; Grounds Maintenance; IT Technician; Volunteer Coordinator; and NTM Homes Director.

Thinking of prayer, I am reminded of **Mark 11:22-24 NASB**.

Jesus answered the disciples saying to them, "Have faith in God. Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be *granted* him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be *granted* you."

I tend to focus on the moving-the-mountain part. Yet, Jesus was preparing the disciples and us for the "mountains" of life. Moving them requires "prayer" and "faith in God" — just the size of a mustard seed. Paul understood prayer and faith in God. Consider **Ephesians 3:16 (NASB)**, in which Paul prayed that "from His glorious, unlimited resources, [God] would empower you with inner strength through His Spirit." This strength is far greater than strength to move a physical mountain. This type of strength is displayed when facing the mountains of life. It glorifies His name and draws others to faith in Christ. It is faith and prayer that accesses the strength for each of our retirees to continue to serve Him. Praise the Lord!

Serving those who have served others,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Thomas".

Dan Thomas, Director