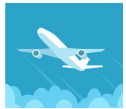


HOWe Things Are... March 2022 by Sheryl (Howe) Nelson



Checking out the numbers

When should I return to in person church? Should I go to Nairobi (Kenya) at the end of March? How about Germany in April? Germany, yes, it's a direct flight and their caseload is falling. Nairobi, no, not wise to take my immunocompromised self there at this time. Church? How about a randomly pick a number (750 cases per 100,000 people) and wait for the numbers to fall below that?



Must have: near an international airport?

When Scott and I were looking for a house in Georgia, one of my criteria was "relatively close to the airport" which seemed ridiculous then, I hadn't been on a plane in nearly a year.

Ten months prior to our house search, I planned to travel to Tempe (AZ) for International Weekend at my home church. It's a weekend highlighting global ministries and supported workers. I subsequently cancelled the AZ trip realizing it would have been too much travel! Little did I know then... not only would I not go on my planned March 2020 Nairobi - India - Malaysia trip, I wouldn't visit Tempe for two years.

Good news! The next International Sunday at my home church in Arizona is in 1 May! I'm excited.



IT colleague, Damien Kaboré, leading a session at the 2019 Africa IT Conference



And the Nairobi trip I'm missing in March 2022?

It's the conference originally scheduled for March 2020 the Nairobi stop on my Nairobi-India-Malaysia trip. I'm sad to miss it, but hoping to virtually attend some meetings taking place in Nairobi prior to the conference (assuming technology and internet connections on both ends cooperate).

Pray for:

Wisdom as I make what feels like random decisions about which health risks to take.

The Nairobi IT conference. In the past we've had two conferences in Africa: one for French speakers and one for English speakers. This will be a combined conference for the first time. Pray for the language logistics, translators, and participants to connect across language boundaries.

Pray for participants and facilitators - currently at least two have malaria, several come from African countries experiencing civil unrest, and one in Eastern Europe is very much impacted by what happens in Ukraine.

Pray too that I'll be able to connect virtually for a set of meetings before the conference.

Praise God for wonderful partners who allow me to serve the Lord in Bible translation.

Please let me know how I can be praying for you.

Wycliffe made a three and a ½ minute video about some of my favorite people, Steve & Linda Sheldon. They were fantastic hosts to me when I worked in Brasília, the capital of Brazil. Steve: “We were married 57 years ago and two days later we started training with Wycliffe to prepare for Bible Translation.”



Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YI8w80CpmkE>

Search youtube for: “57 years as missionaries (and they’re not done yet)”

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