

Friday, January 28, 2022

Dear Devika and SCA Board,

In this new year, we have prayed much about what our involvement with SCA should be in the future. We have come to peace in our hearts that we should give up our “volunteer missionary” status with SCA.

With the covid19 pandemic restrictions, it seems that we are not able to do the visits and outreach that we have done in the past. Also, we are in our mid 70's and the ministry in the cold is affecting us more. For example, with arthritis, I can't play my guitar in a cold tent to minister at “A Better Tent City”.

We certainly intend to share God's story, but at our own pace and not having to make reports. We also hope to spend more time with our children and their families. As this pandemic continues, we hope to encourage our own family more.

We have enjoyed working with Shantymen's Christian Association since June 1985. We look back with happy memories of when we met the SCA family at conferences. Over the years, we all shared our stories and the problems and blessings that came as God worked through us. These times gave us a spiritual boost and let us know that there are other missionaries fighting Christian battles along with us. Through the years, SCA allowed us to follow the Spirit's guidance as we worked. Because of this, we were able to meet the needs of those we ministered to.

Our supporters and prayer warriors have been “spiritual giants” in our eyes. Even after we retired from full time ministry, many followed through with us and kept us going for these past nine years. We praise God for their faithfulness.

We also thank the board, Devika and Joanna for the work they have done on our behalf and ultimately for SCA International. We would enjoy any of you coming to visit so we could share pictures and stories of “our guys” and their families.

Blessings as you seek the Lord's leading for SCA. Thank you for your support, prayer, encouragement and your service to the Lord.

Your brother & sister in Christ,

*John & Judy Shultz*

