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Undoubtedly, the highlight of our lives since our last newsletter was a visit from Bud Tidman. For those of you who know Bud and Paul and Donna's relationship with him...nothing more needs to be said. For those of you who do not know Bud...what a loss in your lives. Bud and Paul met while Paul was in college. (Bud was not in college with Paul, he had already matured past that point in life, i.e. he was, and is still is, well shall we...say...older.) Bud has known Donna since Donna came to Albuquerque from Kenya. Bud is the bi-vocational missions pastor from Paul and Donna's home church, overall swell guy, wonderful gentleman, handyman extraordinaire and a building contractor when not working as a pastor. In our last newsletter, we mentioned God's refining process in our lives. Bud was an integral part of God's sovereignty and that refining process.



Bud and Paul

Donna has been helping fill in some gaps at the preschool where Nehemiah attends. One of the teachers took maternity leave. This has been a wonderful blessing and stretching time. Donna has gotten to brush up on her teaching skills. While Donna brushed up her teaching skills, Micah Joy has blossomed in the preschool environment; so much so, she may start attending. As wonderful a time as it was for Donna to brush up the teaching skills, it is good to be a plain old mom again.

Miriam Highlight

Since you have not had the opportunity to get to know her, she is highlighted in this newsletter.

Birthdate:	March 16, 2000
Birth Place:	The Clinic, Mbabane, Swaziland, Southern Africa
Birth Weight:	3.7 kilograms, 8 pounds 2 ounces
Birth Height:	51 centimeters, 20 inches
Current Weight:	10 kilograms, 22 pounds
Current Height:	71 centimeters, 2 feet 4 inches
Eyes:	Large and hazel in color with very long, dark eyelashes
Facial features:	Six teeth, huge smile and dimples.
Hair:	What little she has is light brown.
Family:	Dad - Paul; Mom - Donna; Brother - Nehemiah; Sister - Micah Joy; Dog - Dixie
Favorite Foods:	Curry powder, chicken bullion cubes and basil taken, without permission, from mom's spice shelf, anything natural (i.e. rocks, dirt, plants, etc...) and just about anything set before her.
Favorite Toys:	Brother's Legos, sister's puzzles, the kitchen trash, crayons - her favorite teething toy and toilet paper complimented by the wet toilet brush dipped in the toilet. She could be a test baby for child proof locks.
Favorite Sport:	Triathlon running (which she has done since 10 months) climbing and swimming fully clothed in the bath or shower every time someone else is bathing, especially brother or sister since they think it is great fun (mom and dad do not see the humor).
Other:	She is very quick with a smile and giggle but knows exactly what she wants and is determined to get it. Miriam is definitely a wonderful handful.



Miriam and Dad

See side two for more action-packed adventure

Work in Mozambique, Training and What All Engineers Love -- Documentation

Mozambique is a country that is recovering from a 16-year civil war. This war destroyed the economy, stripped the natural resources, left thousands of land mines scattered around and alienated Mozambique from other countries that could have helped. Maputo is the capital of Mozambique; it is starting its journey back to life. TWR has an FM station and studio located in

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Maputo. From this station and studio the love, care and compassion of God are shared with the people of Mozambique. From reading the first side, you know that Bud Tidman, our missions pastor, was here for a visit. Bud and Paul were part of a TWR team to Maputo to finish constructing a new studio, install new studio equipment and install a computer network. Guess which part Bud worked on and which part Paul worked on. That is right, while Bud was installing acoustical boxes and acoustical insulation on the walls of the studio, Paul was installing new studio equipment and helping trouble shoot computer networking problems.

From our last newsletter, you remember the Voice of the Church project that Paul helped spearhead. This project is now in a training and documentation phase. The training part is great fun,

most of the time. Cultural differences can be very severe when it comes to learning and teaching styles. Unfortunately for Paul and many other engineers worldwide, work done, lessons learned and problems encountered, have to be documented. This task is in process, with Paul forcing a smile as he works.

God has been wonderfully gracious to meet all our needs and TWR is committed to ensuring that all its missionaries, not just Paul and Donna, have the needed resources (whether the missionaries have the support raised or whether they do not have the support raised). As we prepare to leave Swaziland, TWR will ensure that the Cox family gets back to the US and is taken care of while the Cox family visits its supporters. If you would like the opportunity to help TWR with our expenses for leaving Swaziland, please send your gift to Trans World Radio; P.O. Box 8700; Cary, NC 27512-8700. Be sure to include a note, which states the gift is for "Paul and Donna Cox's equipment fund".



Miriam, Micah Joy, Nehemiah and Dixie

Praise

God's refining process in our lives
Bud's wonderful visit
God's provision through people like you

Prayer

God's continued refining process in our lives
God's continued direction for our future
Expenses for leaving Swaziland

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