

Cox Newsletter

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*Broadcasting God's salvation
and instructing believers in
Christ like living in West Africa*



A man's heart
plans his way,
but the Lord
directs his steps.
Proverbs 16:9



Donna, Paul, Nehemiah, Micah Joy & Miriam



Micah Joy, Miriam & Nehemiah

Our path while in the United States has been very unexpected. Paul's mom has been in and out of the hospital and rehab. Praise be to God that she is improving and regaining her strength, but her medical problems were not in our plan. In reality, our plan was for Grandma to get lots of grandkid time while Donna and Paul spent time working on visiting people, paperwork (yes missionaries also have to do paperwork), raising support for the project, being in better touch with family and friends, etc.... While the health issues of Paul's mom were not in our plan, we are very grateful that we were here in the States and able to help. To add to this, Donna's father had a stroke just before we arrived in America. He is doing well, though not back to ranching. All of this was no surprise to God, in actuality; He directed our steps.

One of the very unfortunate realities of Paul's mom's health issues is that we were not able to see many of you individually during our time in the States, which truly saddens us. We are thankful that we were able to share in all of our supporting churches and visit many of you.

As you read this newsletter, Paul is in Quebec working on his French, while Donna and the kids are spending time with grandparents in New Mexico and Texas. At the end of June everyone will reunite and go back to Benin to continue the work there.

In our last newsletter we asked you to pray with us for three things: One; that God would raise up more people to pray. He has added new people to our prayer support team. Two; that God would raise up more workers for Benin and TWR worldwide. While no one is specifically in the "pipeline" for Benin we are thankful that a number of people are in the "pipeline" for service with TWR. Three; that God would raise up \$301,000 per year for Benin programs and \$48,000 for capital expenses. Little progress has been made here, so please keep praying. Please contact us if you would like to contribute.

You know you are in America when...

You get a notice that the water might be turned off and it never goes off.

There are bathtubs and shower curtains in the bathrooms.

You walk out of the store with only a few things not because they do not have the things you want but because they have so many choices you could not decide.

When your mailbox is overflowing with paper.

When Facebook, Wii, Twitter and the economy is a part of every conversation. (Can anyone explain to us what twitter is?)

Prayer requests

More laborers to work in Benin (and TWR worldwide)

More funds for the Benin ministry (contact us for more details)

Supernatural absorption of French for Paul

Spiritual refreshment before heading back to Benin

Grandparents' health

Praises

Special times with churches, friends and family

A new laptop given to Donna

The generosity of many people toward our family

The hospitality shown to our family

Please visit:

www.cox-net.com

for the latest prayer requests and family updates (look for the blogs)



Miriam Horseback riding



Micah Joy horseback riding



Nehemiah with a B52

"The greatest difficulty of travel is that one is forced to take oneself along."
Alain de Botton
(found on a Starbucks cup while traveling Ha Ha)

Please send financial support to: TWR, PO Box 8700, Cary NC 27512. Please ensure Paul & Donna Cox is on the memo line.