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Family News

We had a wonderful six weeks over the holidays with Nehemiah. He could hardly wait for Mom's cooking though we often heard about the great food at school. He enjoyed just hanging out, playing games with the family, reading, staying up late; but when it was time to catch the plane back to Kenya he was ready to go. Christmas was fairly simple, which we love, but this year we certainly missed "Home" (cool weather, many Christmas decorations, bright lights and abundant Christmas music). The standing joke was, "let's go check out Christmas at the mall." One just does not see that kind of thing here, except at the few missionaries' homes.

We are now back into the full swing of things. The girls and Donna are working hard at school. We have our weekly backyard good news club, which is going very well! We also do extracurricular activities with the other four school kids such as art and swimming. Another highlight is having short-term missionaries and peace core workers over for dinner one night a week. We have found this to be a wonderful time to minister to these young people. We are all committing to work harder on our French this year so that we may better communicate and minister to those around us.

TWR News

In our last newsletter we talked about Dr. Mbennah, the new international director for TWR, re-working the strategic plan for TWR Africa to ensure that the objective of proclaiming the gospel and providing biblical teaching is met. Paul has been honored to be on the team that is working on this, although this required three trips to South Africa in less than three months. Lord willing, the completion of this task is rapidly approaching and the real work of executing the strategic plan will begin.

Back in Benin, the shortwave application is still in process with the government of Benin. Please continue to pray for the details and timing involved with this. I am also working on some other administrative tasks with the government of Benin, such as: getting the title deed for our new property, NGO status for TWR in Benin, etc. Pray also for these tasks as the team here in Benin works on them.



Prayer

Finish the strategic plan, receive the shortwave license & other administrative tasks
Physical endurance as we enter the hot season
Protection against Malaria

Praise

The strategic plan is very close to completion
Paul is not traveling as much
Wonderful Christmas together as a family

Excerpt from Blog (both Paul and Donna keep blogs, which you can read at www.cox-net.com. Below is from the prayer blog)

In speaking on struggles on the mission field John Piper spoke about how missionaries persevered on the mission field because they saw how beautiful the Savior is. They persevered so that they might better know the beauty and wonder of the Savior. John's words about the beauty of the Savior haunted me. Did I find the Savior beautiful enough to persevere; was the Savior truly beautiful in my eyes? While reflecting on this, the beauty of the Savior overwhelmed me, despite my lack of vision for His beauty. It would be a lie to say that something within me caught a glimpse of the Savior that led me to gaze upon his beauty, like spotting an animal in the wild and then using binoculars to study it. The truth is that the Savior so powerfully revealed Himself I could not have missed it; the only choice was to gaze into His eyes or turn and flee, like walking around a corner of a trail and finding oneself face to face with a majestic lion. This overwhelming beauty of the Savior has produced in me the desire to better see and more purposefully seek the beauty of our God.

Pray that we develop the patience to gaze intently at the Savior's beauty, carefully studying the details of His radiant face, rather than just quickly glancing in the midst of our daily routines. Pray that we take time to savor and absorb the refreshing drink from the Wonderful Counselor, letting His fullness reach the deepest parts of our souls, rather than just sipping enough to finish the present task. Pray that we feast at the banquet table of the Lord's majesty; intentionally trying all the different delicacies, purposely developing our taste buds, rather than just slamming down some greasy fast food on the road of life.



Nehemiah, Miriam & Micah Joy in tree house

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