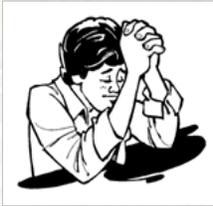


DEAR FRIENDS,

June 27, 2012



Warm greetings (and we mean *unseasonably* warm!) from northern New Mexico. We are finally getting settled into our new home and beginning to focus more on the ministry the Lord is preparing for us here. While things are as yet not perfectly clear to us, we can share that they are becoming clearer. 😊 Please continue to pray for new relationships, old relationships, open doors, favor with the people around us, clear direction and an understanding of *His* strategy to fulfill *His* plan for us here. Thank you!

Facing the Culture Shock

One of the more significant challenges arising in this new season is something we least expected – culture shock. We were excited about returning to our native soil, but we *weren't* expecting to encounter such drastic changes upon our return. After living in a third world country for the last seven years and living in England for six years prior to that (with a two year sabbatical in between), we had become unaware of how different our cultural priorities are, how much our nation has changed, and how many freedoms we have lost in recent years.

Perhaps the most drastic difference that we notice is in our priorities. Busy-ness and the accumulation of material things seems to pervade our culture. It seems to us as though most people are so involved with their personal pursuits that they have very little time for nurturing relationships outside their own very isolated spheres. Schedules are crammed full and agendas are booked weeks in advance, which makes it a challenge to find the time to be a significant part of other people's lives. When we *have* been able to get together with people, it seems that time is often a serious constraint. It's quite a change for us from the Mexican culture where it is not uncommon for people to spend full days together.

We've also been impacted by the effect of modern technology – everywhere we go, people are on their smart phones, I-pads, I-pods, etc. and it's difficult to interact without being interrupted by an outside call or text message. Many young people seem to be isolated from what is going on around them, ear buds fixed in their ears blocking things out and imparting who-knows-what into

their young spirits. It has led us to question whether modern technology is really helping our society. Just the other day we were talking with someone about "personal interaction classes". They were telling us that some business and government entities are starting to talk about developing online classes to teach people how to talk face-to-face again because our society has become so influenced by the internet and social media that they don't know how to relate to people in person! Interoffice e-mail has replaced walking to the next cubicle to communicate in person. Text messaging has replaced the phone call. Facebook has re-connected us with past friends (or people we barely



knew) while completely isolating us from interacting with our next-door neighbor. Online dating and chat rooms have relegated meeting people in person to a thing of the past. It wasn't like this when we left seven years ago, or at least we don't remember it being this way. Perhaps things have just progressed to the point where the downside of technology is less subtle and more obvious.

Please Forgive Our Lack of Communication

Speaking of technology, we want to ask forgiveness for the minimal amount of communication received from us in recent months. For so long after we arrived back in the states (around the first of March), we couldn't unpack

because the house was a construction zone, we didn't have internet, etc. Then we finally got internet working at the house, but were still overwhelmed with what it was taking to get settled back here in the U.S. after being gone for so long.

We have finally gotten to a few emails and phone calls, but it's been slow. If you contact us, we *promise* we will respond! We are hoping to soon be back in touch on a regular basis with friends and family!

Personal Update

Dee's father passed away in April. It came as a shock because he had seemed to be doing so well physically this past year. A trip to Georgia for the funeral was necessary, and it was a terribly sad trip for Dee. During his last few years, there was a drastic change in his personality, and he had become very loving and sweet. As a result, Dee now has many fond memories of times with her dad - playing checkers, watching old movies together and talking about the past - to replace earlier memories, many of which were painful. She will always be grateful to the Lord for bringing him happiness in his last years, and for giving her these special times with her dad to remember.



Colonel George Snyder - 1923-2012

Dave experienced the goodness and faithfulness of God recently when he had a serious construction accident here at the property. He was alone and Dee at work. He managed to get himself to a hospital half an hour away without passing out. The doctor said he would have needed a blood transfusion if he had waited any longer and would have died if he had not come in (he had severed an artery in his head). A few days later he was viewing the accident location and shakenly realized that the Lord had demonstrated His mercy even more than he had originally thought! He saw that if had he hit his head one inch to either side, long pointed screws would have pierced his skull and brain ... and the situation would have been a whole lot more serious than it was. The Lord is so awesome, so good and His mercy endures forever. This is just another testimony of His enduring faithfulness.



Northern New Mexico Sunset

The job Dee got at a bank as a loan auditor, to help our finances and secure some health insurance for us, is going well, though it saps a lot of her time and energy. She is finding the bank a real mission field and knows the Lord placed her there for a reason. Even when we were still in Mexico, preparing to move, she had the sense that this was where the Lord wanted her to work outside the ministry. Please pray for the employees, and for the fulfillment of the Lord's plan and purpose there.

We are also taking the opportunity to get to know all of our neighbors and some of their friends, many of whom are desperately needy, but have become hardened towards the things of the Lord. Please pray for them and for open doors into their precious lives.

Ministry Update



While Dave continues to put sweat equity into our little house to make it livable and more comfortable for us, take care of the issues that still need urgent attention and clean up the sadly neglected lot which is all overgrown, he has been slowly shifting more of his focus to ministry in the past month or so. We have each been giving more thought and prayer to what the Lord has ahead for us, as well as renewing relationships from the past and making some new ones. We have met with some folks from a little AG church here in El Rancho who paid us a surprise visit and would like us to come minister and “partner” with them in some way that is not quite clear yet. We also have an invitation to minister at another area church during July. In praying about the training center for life and ministry which we have felt for some time is part of God’s plan for us here, we believe we are getting a nudge from the Lord to have some worship nights around the area first - to release more of the Spirit of God and to break through some strongholds over the area before we attempt any teaching and training. We are still lifting this up in prayer, and appreciate your joining with us as we seek the Lord’s perfect will and direction. Meanwhile, we’re in the process of updating and modernizing some of the courses we’ve taught before, so that when the doors open for the right location, we’ll be ready to respond.

In the past couple of weeks, we were able to meet up with some of our partners in ministry and had some precious times of prayer together. Last month, we met up with other kingdom friends/partners from Colorado and had an awesome weekend together. We had loads of fun, but we also had some wonderful times with the Lord alone and a precious evening of prayer and worship together as well. Thank you – J, D, E and J!!!

This week, we have started some lengthy, intensive prophetic counseling with a very precious person who has sought us out for some spiritual help. They have been waiting patiently since we moved back for this time together, and we are excited about the healing and freedom the Lord has ahead for this person. We have felt strongly that it is important to let the Lord put the pieces together with respect to His ministry through us here, instead of our forcing anything or trying to make something happen. And guess what? He is doing it!



Getting Refreshed in God’s Creation

Family Update



Loz n’ Gaz

Lauren and family are still working on the U.S. visas for Gareth and girls. They are in the final stage of the visa process, which has been very long, drawn out and extremely expensive. The biggest block now is the sale of their home in England. They will only have a certain amount of time in which to use the visas, or lose them and have to start all over, so we appreciate your prayers for the sale of their house ... or a creative way resolve the barrier that it poses to their move. Thank you!

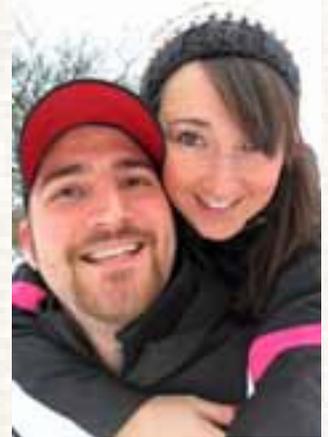
Both Lauren and her oldest daughter, Hayley, (age 5) have been experiencing serious, unexplained physical problems recently, which are debilitating and/or extremely painful. Each situation has left the medical community puzzled as to what is going on. The answer is prayer! Your prayers and intercession on their behalf are appreciated so very much! We (Dee and Dave) have the sense that it is simply spiritual resistance/attack due to the fact that their move to the states is drawing closer. We know the Lord has a special plan for them here, and surmise that the enemy is not too happy about it.



Hayley and Sophie

Lauren has continued production on her worship album, working on it at recording studios in Belfast, N. Ireland and in Gateshead, England. The majority of the album is made up of prophetic songs she has written or that came as songs of the Spirit during times of prayer and worship. We've heard just a little of what she has done on it so far, and it is amazing! We are tremendously excited about the release of the final product, and know that it will touch and strengthen many lives for the Lord's higher purposes.

Justin and Sarah are doing well in Cardiff, Wales ... still enjoying their jobs and continuing to seek after the Lord with all their hearts, minds, souls and strength. Justin works with a small web design company, while Sarah is a teacher for children with special needs. She feels it is a calling and not only enjoys it, but is a wonderful and compassionate teacher. They both love their work and find varied opportunities for ministry in the midst of their secular jobs. They have stepped down from their position as youth pastors at their church after a number of years, but continue to have a life group at their home each week and to be involved in ministry in other ways.



Justin and Sarah

Prayer Points for Northern New Mexico

We would like to close by asking you to pray for northern New Mexico. We have faced the fact that this area is more of a mission field than (old) Mexico was! It is hard, rough ground where many spiritual things get warped and twisted. Even within the church world, things are often out of kilter: either super-religiosity/legalism or a passivity/apathy/complacency which is disturbing. Here are just a few things you could pray regarding:

- Freedom from demonic oppression and the effects of generations of witchcraft and Satanism here, which have brought curses upon the people and the land; for God's healing of the people of NM and a healing of the land.
- A new hunger and thirst for righteousness; a fresh wind of the Spirit to bring His life to those toiling in spiritual poverty and to those who are looking for significance and meaning in all the wrong places.
- A pouring out of the glory of the Lord, that this earth would be filled with the knowledge of His glory as the waters cover the sea (Hab. 2:14)
- Spiritual awakening and a revelation of WHO HE IS among His people here; that the church of Jesus Christ would be empowered to rise to her full potential and become those who would pray and co-labor faithfully with the Lord until His plans and purposes are fulfilled.

This list is simply meant to be a start! Thank you so much for your prayers and your intercession on behalf of our region and its people. As you sow in prayer, we know that you will reap much in return!

Many thanks again to those who continue to support us in prayer and/or financially. Your sacrifice and steadfastness have blessed us more than we can say, and continue to pave the way for the Lord to work in and through us to touch the lost, the wounded, and the hungry. It is our prayer that the Lord will pour back into your lives ABUNDANTLY, and that His kingdom principles will be manifest in each life and family, bringing provision and blessing. We send gigantic hugs to each one. You are loved and appreciated beyond words. Have a wonderful summer!

We love you dearly, *Dave* and *Dee*



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