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Some Personal News Just for Background!

Our repo/ fixer-upper house project (the place we bought when we returned to the states from Mexico last spring) is coming along steadily, but much more slowly than we had hoped due to the over-abundance of county and state regulations, and the equally over-abundance of hidden problems with the house and property that no one could foresee. Because it was a repo, the bank didn't know much about the property, and it has been an interesting six months discovering all its surprises. 😊 Thankfully, we can do a lot of the work ourselves. So it's not as bad a situation as it might have been for other people. Dave now has his shop built and is trying to get electricity to it. We are also working on getting heat in the house before it gets really cold.

Dee's job at the bank has been quite strenuous, as she is normally gone 10-11 hours a day. But the extra income and health insurance has been a blessing. It's only an entry level position, but she is extremely thankful to have it, and touched that the bank was willing to take a chance on hiring her when she had been out of the job market for the past 18 years. She loves her boss and works with great people. We praise the Lord for His grace and favor, and for making the way.

Dear Friends,

We had hoped to be able to write a more exciting newsletter, and get it to you sooner, but we are struggling to find time still to fit everything in, so appreciate your patience. Eventually we will get truly settled here and have more of a "normal" life. We laugh as we say that because we have never had a normal life, and doubt it will start now. We have endeavored to always put the Lord's calling first, which has meant a life of great adventure, but also one of great risk and sacrifice. He is an amazingly faithful God, however, and so there has been much joy and great blessing in the midst of it all. We look forward to more of the same in the years ahead!

While we know that the Lord's faithfulness will never change, we have been aware for some years now that difficult times are probably coming for western Christians. This is a season where the Lord is re-positioning His people, establishing them more firmly in Him, and doing a work of preparing hearts and lives for what is ahead. So, if you have been experiencing trials and tribulations, just think of it as God's classroom. As we remain sensitive to the working of His Spirit, He is teaching us how to follow Him more closely and depend upon Him more fully, He is cutting away excess flesh in our lives, strengthening the inner man, rooting and grounding us more completely in Him, and is raising up a people who will truly be salt and light in these last days. Take heart - it's all part of His plan!

Photo taken from our front porch.

Recently we added a new member to the family. He is a rescue Golden Retriever, a 3 year old male we have named Jake. Lacey has seemed kind of lonely since we had to leave Boozer in Mexico. And we have such a lovely big lot that it seemed a shame not to help out a dog that needed a good home. Jake is young, energetic, sweet as can be ... but completely untrained, and deaf or mostly deaf. We are training him with hand signals and he is coming along well, fitting in even better than we had hoped.



We have been able to reconnect with Dave's family quite a bit more since moving back. That has been a delight to our hearts, since Dave's parents are getting older ... as are the rest of us! LOL. A group of the family went fishing together one day up in the Jemez Mountains, there have been several family "do's" around golf tournaments at the golf course where our brother-in-law, Donnie, is the local golf pro. And we had a big family camping trip one weekend up at Hopewell Reservoir (9,000 ft. elevation) back in August. Dave's parents (ages 83 and 86) both came and camped out with the rest of us. Aren't they amazing?!! His brother, Bob, and nephew, Dominic (age 10) have also come over to help work on the shop several times, and his brother, Phil, helped with engineering drawings to get the permit for it ... all of which made the process more fun, as well as being a tremendous blessing for Dave.

Local Ministry News

We had fully expected to be rolling along quite well with *The Sword & Spirit Equipping Center for Life and Ministry* by now, but it hasn't quite worked out that way. Once we got here and began getting settled, we started to feel that it was important to take time to reconnect and renew old friendships and ministry relationships first. This has, in turn, led to some one-on-one ministry and counseling during the week for Dave, and in evenings and on weekends around Dee's job. There are so many hurting people here. Maybe not more than any place we have ever lived, but certainly more than Mexico. One person told us, "The Lord

brought you back here just for me." We don't believe that is the whole picture, but on one level at least, maybe He did!

Besides the one-on-one encouragement and ministry, some with other church leaders, we have been filling in for pastors on vacation, worship leaders and Sunday School teachers who need a break. It's been fruitful and touched our hearts greatly to have these opportunities to feel the Lord's love and compassion for a particular congregation or group of children, and have a better sense of His mind, heart, will and purposes for them.

Along with this, we are also trying to visit now and again around the region to different churches and ministries, to get a better sense of the spiritual climate and what the Lord wants to do here. There may only be a short window of opportunity for this, before we begin to get too tied down, so we are hoping to be able to do more of this in the coming months. Yeehaw!

Another thing we began to feel much more keenly over the summer was that there is a very strong demonic resistance to the *Sword & Spirit* equipping center, and that we need to facilitate some spiritual breakthrough before taking any further

steps to move forward with it. Besides our own times of prayer and intercession, the Lord impressed upon us that gathering His people together to worship and seek His presence outside of church buildings or Sunday services, would pierce the darkness and open the heavens in such a way that greater liberty would be released over this region. The first "night of worship" (and whatever else God wants to do) is scheduled for October 23rd. We are excited and expectant, believing that this will be the first of many occasions when we touch heaven and heaven touches earth!

Missions - Requests for Prayer

• Please pray for Jerry (dad) and Jonathon (son) Forte who will be leaving Denver on October 18th for a missions trip to Rameshasaram, at the southern tip of India, returning October 31st. We have known this family for 20 years, and believe it would be hard to find a family with more of a collective heart after God. Jonathon is now a young adult, and has always had a heart for missions. When he was a little kid, he would say he wanted to be a missionary when he grew up – like Pastor Dave! We have a sense that this will be a life-changing trip for both Jerry and Jon, as well as for the people with whom they will meet ... with signs and wonders following. Please note that safety could be an issue. It was only a few years ago that the area believers were being threatened with execution by local Hindus.

• Also, we ask that you would pray for Renee Sasser Loux and her daughters, Sophia (14) and Michaela (12), who will be leaving for Thailand on November 4th. Renee is director of the Orphan Justice Center, connected with the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, MO. She and her daughters are going over to open a safe house for children rescued from the sex trade, which has been 3 years in the making. It was the vision of her late husband, who was killed in a car accident a few years ago. They will also be ministering in various churches and in the Bangkok red light district. Please remember there is lots of spiritual warfare going on in this part of the world as you pray for them. Also, Renee and girls are still raising the necessary funds for this trip. She is a single mom with 10 kids, most of whom are adopted, and several have special needs. We have known Renee a long time - her father was our pastor many years ago and Renee was Lauren's first grade teacher!

• Our dear friends, Eric and Roxana Ericson, would appreciate your prayers also as they prepare to return to Sonora, Mexico for 4 months of teaching in the Bible School there. Roxana is still recovering from major back surgery. This couple has given almost their entire adult lives as missionaries in Argentina and Mexico. When others their ages are playing golf every day or taking cruise after cruise, this couple is still laying down their lives for others.

• We are continuing to pray about a two week ministry trip to Tanzania, East Africa. We have been getting what has seemed like a "Macedonian call" to the Mbeya region of Tanzania for a couple of years now. Although, we have been invited frequently to areas in Asia or Africa, this is the only request we have ever felt might be the Lord. They would like us to minister to and train church leaders in the region, which includes a large city of about 500,000 people called Mbeya Town. We have been invited by the president of the regional ministerial alliance. We can't see a way to go before the spring of 2014 due to prior commitments and the limitations of Dee's time off from work. Yet, we have a sense that maybe it shouldn't be left that long ... perhaps due to the changing political climate in Tanzania. Please pray that we will hear the Lord's direction clearly, and that a way will be made IF it is His plan and purpose for us to go. Thank you.



Abundant blessings to you all, precious friends. We continue to keep you in our prayers and thank God for you each day! Your prayers, intercession, love, encouragement and financial support have been a tremendous blessing to us as we lay our lives upon His altar and seek to make a difference in this world – sometimes one heart at a time. Thank you for bearing with us as we continue to get more settled in northern New Mexico, and move forward more fully into the ministry the Lord has for us here.

We love you dearly,

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