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APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY HAVE PASSED ... AND NOW IT IS AUGUST...

We sent out a newsletter in April and in late May (for May & June). Here it is August. We apologize for not being able to write every month to keep you up to date, but things are not as "routine or normal" as before, when we reported monthly. In fact, our lives are anything but "routine or normal" since we returned stateside. As we reported last time, (since May) we are living in a borrowed motor home on the parking lot behind the New York Avenue church of Christ building in Arlington TX. We will spare you the description of what it is like to live on a day-to-day basis in a 15 year-old motor home. It will suffice to say that in spite of its shortcomings, at least we have a place to call "our own." And yet, we will be honest to add, that we are praying fervently for a short tenure here.

"WEATHER ...

The weather wasn't so bad at first. As summer came, it got WARMER. There was a little bit of rain. But it didn't last long nor come often. The sun was a constant companion and though there were clouds, the sun wasn't afraid to shine. We had many days in a row of triple digit heat ... up to 105 F. Well, it felt like 110 F or more.

One evening as we were walking across the parking lot from our motor home to the church building for worship, Linda noticed the clouds. This may sound crazy but there was a huge cloud that was looked just like the British Isles (Scotland, England and Wales ... minus Ireland)! She ran back to

get her camera but by the time she could get back to take the picture, the sun had come out from behind it, making it impossible to take a picture. All you could see was the sun, no clouds at all. What a thrill to have seen it, but what a disappointment to not have a picture of it.

SHOPPING COMPARISONS ...

There is no "Shopping Comparisons" for this issue of the newsletter. Since we are not really able to cook in the motor home, we have not bought a lot of groceries to compare the prices. We mostly eat sandwiches and other simple meals. Occasionally we eat out.

A TRIP TO THE FORTH WORTH ZOO ...



A picture of us at the Fort Worth Zoo.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING ...

Linda's knee continues to do *relatively* well, though it has acted up several times. Those times were only minor. We needed to renew our prescription medications. We don't have a doctor of our own since we aren't located "permanently" yet. But Kim's doctor agreed to see us and write prescriptions for us. She actually seemed excited to have us especially when she saw that we brought our medical records with us. In fact, she made copies so that she could study them. "They are 2 more pieces to the puzzle of Kim's medical problems." We really liked her and hope that we will locate near enough that we can actually be her patients.

SNEED'S USED CAR LOT?

Well, at one time, you would have wondered if we were a used car dealer. For a few days we had 3 cars parked near the motor home.



One car was a beige Toyota Camry loaned to us by a very generous (but anonymous) member of the church. The second car was a red Volkswagen Passat Wagon given to us by David & Sarah Dirrim from Ada OK. Our plans were to drive the Passat for a couple of months and then to trade it in on a better car. HOWEVER, as soon as Denny got in to drive it, he saw that we would need a Plan B because Plan A was not going to work. He couldn't even sit up straight in the car to drive. And with it being a stick shift, the slouched position made it even more difficult to drive. Linda's knee still isn't dependable so we were concerned about her driving it as well.

It was time to return the Camry and so we put Plan B into motion. To our great surprise, we were able to get a car with no problems. In fact, the financing went so smoothly that we are still amazed. We were able to find a used car (a former rental car) with everything we felt we needed. Truth is, we got more than we needed. It had low mileage and even though it was a 2008, it was cheaper than some of the older models. We [and the bank] now own a dark blue Dodge Grand Caravan (Stow and go model). Friends and family asked us, "How in the world did you buy a car when you have no permanent

address and/or a job?" Good question. We have some money in savings (what would have been for furlough expenses) that we can apply to car payments while we are waiting for a job, which we pray will be soon.

"MI CASA ES SU CASA" ...

In June, we spent a week "house-sitting" for Denny's sister Sara and her husband Vern in Oklahoma. They were away for a week to see his dying sister in Virginia. So we stayed there in their log cabin and tended to the garden, their miniature donkey ("Speedy") and their dog ("Bear"). While we were house-sitting, we were able to visit with Denny's mom all but one of the days we were there. That was good for all of us.

In July, Kim's best friends, Scot & Joann Morrison, offered their home for us to stay in while they were gone on vacation. What a wonderful gift that was.

Bill & Kay Keele (the preacher & his wife at New York Avenue church of Christ) have offered their house for us to stay in while they are gone for a week in August. Oddly enough, we house-sat for them once before when they lived in Broken Arrow. That was just before we moved to Roscoe, Texas in July 2004.

NEW YORK AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

We continue to enjoy getting to know the members in this congregation as we wait for God to show us the direction He wants us to go. It will truly be difficult to say goodbye to the church family here. Denny has preached once and taught Bible class twice since we have been worshipping with them. He is scheduled to preach again on August 30th. We have been in their homes and have eaten meals with them. And we have done our laundry in their homes as well.

But there is more. When they learned that our California kids were coming for a visit, one of the elders (and his wife) offered their home for them to stay in the two

weeks. Jim & Cynthia Gragg are both workaholics and not home that much and they have a 2 story home. They turned over the second story to Susan and her family and gave them free run of the house ... to cook; do laundry and watch TV /DVDs. We spent a big portion of our days together at the Gragg's home when we didn't have plans for all of us to go somewhere.

There is still more about this wonderful church family! On July 25, we picked up Kim at the DFW airport (coming back from a 2-week church campaign in Nairobi, Kenya) and later that same day we picked up Susan & family (at the DFW airport). On that day, the transmission started acting up. So on Monday July the 27th, (only a month after we bought the it) the car went into the shop.

Dodge did not offer us a loan car to drive while ours was in the shop. But the church here loaned us the church's minivan to use. We drove the church's van the whole time Susan & her family were here with us. Our car was finally out of the shop August 11th, over 2 weeks later!

If you are ever in the area on a Sunday or a Wednesday, we HIGHLY recommend this congregation for you to attend. You will love them as much as we do, without a doubt! We are so blessed to be here with such a loving, giving and caring church family!

PAUL McCARTNEY CONCERT ...

Monday, August 17th, Linda attended her second Paul McCartney US concert tour. Though he was to be here in Arlington on Wednesday the 19th, she opted to go to Tulsa to hear him on a Monday instead. Bill & Kay Keele loaned her some binoculars to see better from the "nose-bleed section." She had a great time!

PICTURES OF ASHLEE & EMMALEE AND OF DANIEL & MICHELLE ...

We have recent pictures of our little ones and so we thought we would share them

with you. I took several while Susan's bunch was here and Katja sent some too.



DEAF CHRISTIAN CAMP ...

Linda attended the annual Deaf Christian Camp Oklahoma July 5-10 (that she helped establish in 1994). Because of the move to Scotland, she had missed the last 2 summers and so she was thrilled to be able to go this summer to see her deaf friends

again. She had a great time and was able to help "sharpen" her communication skills, which are somewhat rusty. They had a good group attend this summer and the theme was Ephesians 6:10ff ... the Christian armor.

JOB SEARCH NEWS ...

Denny has tried out only twice since we have been looking for a preaching job. He has contacted several though there are very few congregations looking for a preacher this summer. We have visited other congregations that we have heard are looking. Sunday July 12th, we spent the day with the church near Justin TX ... Alliance church of Christ.

Sunday August 9th, Denny tried out at Springtown church of Christ (about an hour from Arlington). We visited Western Hills in Fort Worth in late July, but have since learned that they aren't planning on hiring till the first of the year. We continue to pray and to contact congregations as we learn about possible openings.

Please keep us in your prayers. It was the agreement with our supporters that our monthly financial support end with this month. So as far as we know, our support has ended. As are still without a job, all we can do now is to keep our trust in God that He will continue to provide our needs.

ON THE CALENDAR ... AUGUST

Special August birthdays / Michelle Banko (one year old) and Linda's mom, Betty Shipman

ON THE CALENDAR ... SEPTEMBER

Special September birthday / Evalyn Sneed

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR ...

- Denny's mom - moving to a different assisted living facility near Oklahoma City in August 21
- Linda's mom - continues to feel better
- Kim - her foot is better - spent 2 weeks in July with a church campaign

group in Nairobi, Kenya / major decisions she is making right now in her life

- Linda's aunt Mary Ann Harkins in Idalou TX ... recovering from meningitis
- Our friend in Glenrothes, Carol Duncan-Farrell, undergoing chemotherapy
- Special friend (and one of Linda's sign language teachers from Sunset in Lubbock TX) - Hollis Maynard recovering from triple heart bypass surgery Friday July 10th
- Tim, Susan, Ashlee & Emmalee unable to move to Texas this summer, but will try again next year
- The church family we left behind in Glenrothes, Scotland
- Our successful relocation with a strong congregation in which we can grow spiritually while encouraging others to grow spiritually
- Our supporters, family, and friends who have been so good to us during this ministry opportunity
- Economic situation in the U.S., the U.K and worldwide

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

God's greatest works are sometimes accomplished through gentle touches, small whispers, or simple acts.

You may still contact us through our sponsoring congregation, Southwest Church of Christ in Ada OK. Their website: <http://www.swcocada.com>

You can contact us also through our temporary email address that we are using, the2sneeds@gmail.com, or by calling us on our pay-a-you-go cell: (817) 851-7607. Calls from AT&T phones are free! :-]

You may personally write to us temporarily c/o 5371 New York Avenue / Arlington, Texas 76018.

Linda really has a lot more news and pictures to post, but just hasn't had time to add them to the blog. Please be patient. <http://www.the2sneeds.wordpress.com>