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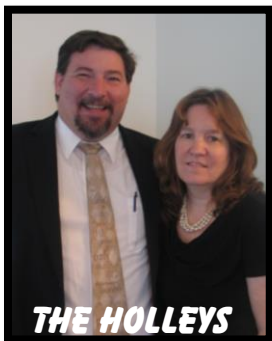
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Dear Praying Friends,

We are grateful for and try always to thank God for the prayers of His people on our behalf. Often, when we are tempted to be discouraged, we remember that you are praying for us and that is an encouragement beyond words.

June marked a milestone for the Wests in a couple of ways. As most of you know, our deputation schedule has included churches mostly in a 10 hour radius of Ankeny. This was due mainly to the fact of my full time weekly employment. As the Lord opened doors for meetings outside of that radius it became necessary for me to quit my job. So, we have taken another step of faith towards our getting to Argentina. We believe that the Lord definitely directed this move and we believe that the Lord is pleased when His children respond in faith to Him. We rejoice in the stretch of faith and the new dimensions our deputation will enjoy – but please keep praying!



THE HOLLEYS



THE CONOVERS



THE WEBBERS



THE KLAPPERICHES

The other milestone we enjoyed was that the first leg of our advanced travels included a trip to Florida where we had the chance to meet with our GMSA colleagues in Ft. Lauderdale and present our ministry in four churches. This was a milestone in that Patti, Mike and Steve had never been to Florida and we enjoyed the opportunity to really experience this great peninsula.

While the experiences of seeing Florida were pleasant indeed, it was the fellowship with the friends and fellow alumni that was the greatest blessing. Pastor Mark Holly is a fellow alumni from Northland Baptist Bible College. It was a pleasure to visit with Mark and Angela Holly and their family and to present our ministry in their church in northern Florida. The following week was the Annual General Meeting with the GMSA in the Home Office in Ft. Lauderdale. As a missionary appointee, it was my privilege to sit in on the meetings and listen as these wise men guide and discuss the business of the Mission. The next weekend found us in Palm Harbor visiting another alumnus' church. While Pastor Gotcher was not able to be there, we were hosted and ministered to by Ted and Phyllis Conover who are friends from ministry days in Escanaba, MI, fellow students at Northland, and he was a pastor before me in Crandon, WI. We had a wonderful time getting to know some of the people of Berea Baptist Church and to present our ministry to them. We had the additional blessing of meeting up with Dr. Bruce and Mary Compton (Detroit) who were vacationing in Florida. From Palm Harbor we had a brief excursion to St. Cloud to visit the Wightmans (missionaries with Continental Baptist Missions and friends of Patti's from her MK days). After that we continued on to Sebring, where we presented our

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ministry to Maranatha Baptist Church in the Maranatha Retirement Village where Gerald Webber pastors. At Maranatha we were again astounded by how small our Christian world is as we met with friends and acquaintances from far and near (including a former church member from Hawaii!). The following Sunday we were blessed to be with Pastor T.J. Klapperich (another Detroit grad). Pastor Klapperich has a fine ministry in Winter Garden, Florida, and we had a good reception from the folks there as we presented our ministry to them. From Winter Garden we headed north to visit some relatives and our Marine Corps son in Virginia. It was good to see Doug in his "natural habitat" and to let him show us the sights. God blessed wonderfully as we journeyed back to Ankeny. It was a good trip and one that allowed us to see over and over God's provision and protection.

This Month:

Praise:

- Safety on the road
- Air-conditioning and front windows in the van repaired
- Being able to see Doug and encourage him
- Seeing God's continued provision

Prayer:

- That the churches we visit will be stirred to greater involvement in missions
- Skill as we continue to tweak our presentation
- Meetings to be scheduled for 2014
- Continued safety as we travel
- The Lord's provision of support (currently at 5%)

Schedule for July and August:

- July 14th – pulpit supply in Ft. Dodge, Iowa
- July 21st – Faith Baptist Church, Rhinelander, Wisconsin
- July 28th – East Delavan Baptist Church, East Delavan, Wisconsin
- August 4th – Cornerstone Baptist Church, Pleasant Hill, California
- August 11th – Vallejo Bible Church, Vallejo, California
- August 18th – Elmira Baptist Church, Elmira, California
- August 25th – Berean Baptist Church, Fairfield, California

We truly appreciate all of your prayers on our behalf. If you have any personal questions or comments about ministry please feel free to write us a note.

In His Grace,

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