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Question: How is a turtle like our family?

Answer: A turtle's home is always moving.

Explanation to come a little further down in the update.

May was a hectically busy month. Mainly the busyness had to do with the whole moving process. Taking off on weekend trips to present our ministry was a blessed reprieve from the mess, chaos and confusion of moving. One main blessing through it all was knowing that God wanted us to do this and knowing that it would come to an end sometime. Those of you who have moved can most likely relate.

The first weekend in May we were at our home church in Ankeny, visiting with the church family and celebrating Steve's 15th birthday. The second weekend, we went to Eldora, IA, and fellowshipped with Pastor and Mrs. Mark Chapman and their church family. A sister to one of Patti's college roommates attends First Baptist in Eldora, and it was good to visit with her. It was great to catch up with Pastor and Mrs. Steve Schultz of First Baptist Kiel, WI, when we presented our ministry on May 19th. How fun to find out that a cousin to one of our GMSA missionaries attends there. May 26th found us ministering in two Wisconsin churches. We were with Pastor & Mrs. Jeff Silha and their Bancroft Baptist church family, and with Pastor & Mrs. Larry Gross and First Baptist Church of Waupaca. In each place we found a welcoming spirit and someone who knew someone that we knew. It is always such a pleasure to learn of the connectedness we have with others. Thank you to the churches for welcoming our family and allowing us to present our passion for the ministry.



THE CHAPMANS



THE SCHULTZES



THE SILHAS



THE GROSSES

The month of May was a month of great change for our family. We downsized dramatically and moved out of our rental home. We have a two-bedroom apartment with our daughter, Rose, which is actually her apartment which we will crowd into when we are back in Ankeny. Selling, giving away, donating, and throwing out consumed much of our time in May. One great benefit is that Rose has a fully furnished apartment for her first home. The other great change is that Dave has finished working for Menards. Due to the fact that the Lord has opened the door for meetings in Florida in June, California in August, New England/Pennsylvania/Ohio in September/October, it was time for him to finish at Menards. Weekend trips just won't work when the distance is so great. We are thankful to be taking these important steps in the process of heading to Argentina.

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At this time we are in Florida enjoying the fellowship of other GMSA missionaries and board members. What a blessing to spend time with them. More about this in our next update.

Please pray for us as we are on the road traveling great distances over the next few months. Please pray for partners to speed us on our way.

This month:

PRAISE:

Moving has been completed
Dave has finished his employment at Menards
Safety in travel to Florida
Gas is less expensive in the South!
Our boys are enjoying getting to know the GMSA family that is here

PRAYER:

Continued safety in travel
That we would honor God in all things
For meetings during travel, not only with churches, but also with family and friends
For Rose to get more hours or an additional job. (Her job is going well, and there has been an indication of possible full-time status in the future.)

MEETINGS:

June 9 - Berea Baptist Church, Palm Harbor, FL
June 12 - Maranatha Baptist Church, Sebring, FL
June 16 - Calvary Baptist Church, Winter Garden, FL
June 23 - With Doug in Norfolk, VA
June 30 - Pulpit Supply -- Indianola Regular Baptist Church, Indianola, IA
July 14 - Pulpit Supply -- Fort Dodge, IA
July 16 - Patti doing a workshop at the Continental Baptist Mission Family Conference
July 21 - Faith Baptist Church, Rhinelander, WI
July 28 - East Delavan Baptist Church, East Delavan, WI

Thank you for standing with us in prayer.

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