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What a wonderful month November is! This month we change our time and are thankful for the extra hour of sleep. This month we celebrate the Marine Corps' 237th birthday (which is important in our Marine family). We give special thanks to those who have served and are serving our country in the Armed Forces with Veterans Day. This month also has a day set aside for something that we ought to always be doing – Giving Thanks. May you see November as not just another month to get through before December, but a special month of its own accord. It is a month to be thankful to the Lord for all the blessings that He bestows upon us.

This month our update is going through a change. With having a fuller schedule, it is difficult to squeeze all the pictures in where they should be, so the church pictures are all together. As you can see, October was full!



The month started with our three boys accompanying us up to Marinette, WI, where we presented our ministry at Twin City Baptist Church. It was a special blessing to have Doug there with us as he headed back to Virginia a couple of days later. It is a delight to not only meet new people, but also to catch up with friends from days gone by. Pastor & Mrs. DeCleene were at Northland at the same time we were there. Twin City was having their missionary emphasis month, and it was a pleasure to be able to participate.

The second Sunday, we were with Pastor & Mrs. Brookins at Berea Baptist Church in Stevens Point, WI. The fog was thick on the way up, but the fellowship was clear and welcoming on Sunday. We find it interesting that we have many points of contact at many of these churches. What a small world!

Although there is not a picture of Pastor & Mrs. Humburg, we presented our ministry at the Altoona Regular Baptist Church in Altoona, IA, on Wednesday, October 17. Pastor Humburg had fun "mugging" us, and we were happy to receive ARBC mugs to commemorate our time there. Altoona is close to where we live and so we were able to present our ministry not only to unknown people, but also to people we know from college and work.

Sunday, the 21st, we were at First Baptist Temple in Oshkosh, WI. Pastor & Mrs. Marco showed us around some of their church building. It was built at the beginning of the 1900s, and has some fascinating architecture. The children really enjoyed our display, and the adults were warm in their visiting with us.

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October 24 – 28, found us at Mission Conference in Wiscasset, Maine. It was an uplifting happy time with the church family and the school students. We were able to present our ministry at the church and in chapel, as well as Dave preaching at the church. Pastor & Mrs. Green, as well as others in the church, did a great job of planning and preparing for the conference. A highlight was the international banquet where the children, especially, wore costumes. Pastor & Mrs. Green took the time to show us some of their fair state. We appreciate their going above-and-beyond in this way.



Our trip to Maine was beautiful. Thinking that all the leaves would be down, we were pleasantly surprised to see all the color on the mountains. Beautiful. We were able to visit Rose and "her" family in Connecticut. Our daughter is a great hostess!

Returning from Maine, we were at the front of Hurricane Sandy. We are so thankful for the Lord's working in our plans that had us leaving Sunday night rather than waiting for Monday morning! Other than a deer hitting us and some winter-mix windy weather, our travel was uneventful. We are grateful!

PRAISE:

Safety in our travels

Good health

The blessings of God & His provision for our every need

The opportunity to present our ministry to many

Protection of Rose (in CT) and Doug (in VA) during Hurricane Sandy (First time in a hurricane)

PRAYER:

Continued safety

Our whole family to honor and glorify the Lord in our actions and speech

Support

Strength for Dave as he works full-time at Menards, works on preparing for ministry on the field, contacts pastors and travels frequently to minister

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

November 11: First Baptist Church, Brayton, IA

16-18: Indianola Regular Baptist Church, Indianola, IA (Mission Conference)

December 2: Norwoodville Baptist Church, Des Moines, IA

9: Athens Bible Church, The Plains, OH

Thank you for standing with us in prayer. We so appreciate your prayer support.

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