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Ministry Update

We want to keep you up-to-date with the happenings in our lives. Some of you have already heard that we left West Africa earlier than planned because of Earl's sudden illness. Our past report was missed by many as a result of email trouble so here it is in summary: When Earl experienced the medical problems in Africa he was taken to the ABWE hospital in Togo. While at the hospital we were also able to contact by email Dr. Tony Drohomyrecky the resident urologist at Bracebridge (and faithful participant at Pinegrove Baptist church). The decision was made to return home a.s.a.p for analysis. We arrived in Toronto on July 15 and Earl was in the Dr.'s office the next day. Dr. Tony reviewed Earl's condition, prescribed medication and decided to wait an additional week while the medication did its work. On July 25 Earl was again assessed and Dr. Tony felt confident that the medication was working successfully.

Dr. Tony has assured us that the problem Earl encountered was the typical "in your fifties" problem, it had nothing to do with being in Africa, and everything to do with getting a little grey.... Blood tests were postponed because Earl was required to continue with Malaria prevention medication for one month after returning from Africa. Dr. Tony has assured us that there is no evidence at all of cancer, that the prescribed meds should return all to normal function or at worst, to a controllable situation. He has emphatically stated that this will not interfere in our continued ministry whatsoever. We await the result of a recent blood test to confirm Dr. Tony's opinion.

Why the Lord interrupted our trip this time remains a mystery to us. Perhaps He has kept us from a greater danger, perhaps He is just teaching us that wherever we are, He has us in His care. Regardless of the reason, we continue to be committed to the ministry as He unfolds it to us. Earl was able to complete the Bible College course in Kara, Togo. The two courses scheduled for Ghana have been postponed until his return in November. He will continue to work at writing (or re-writing) Bible College courses and Study Guides suited to the African culture as directed by ABWE West Africa and to represent ABWE in Canada and the U.S. We are keeping to our previous schedule as indicated on our Newsletters and Earl continues to develop curriculum for West Africa.

Kathi's Notes...

We are so very thankful for the excellent care Earl received at the hospital and the time we spent getting to know more about the hospital's ministry to the people of West Africa. No doubt, we'll be telling you more about this special place as we share our experiences there with the fine staff. Pray for the doctors and nurses as they put in long, hard hours caring for many people each day at L' Hospital Baptiste Biblique.

We flew out of Accra, Ghana after 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14 after making the trip by road from Togo earlier that day. Enroute, we had the privilege of meeting with the ABWE missionaries in Ho, Ghana. God is raising up the team in Ghana; we learned that 3 more people were assigned to this needy field at this year's Candidate Seminars. This is a wonderful answer to prayer! We had a 9-hour layover in London, England and were able to rest and refresh ourselves there. The flight to Toronto was good and we were home on Friday, July 15 by 8:00 p.m. local time.

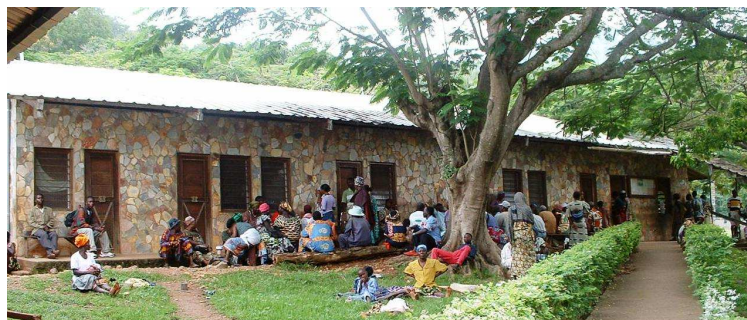
Kathi's first trip to West Africa was not what she expected (she's not the nurse-type) but she knows God gave her the strength to care for Earl and make the calls to the hospital when necessary. Basic communication in French came back during the 2 weeks in Kara (thank goodness for French/English dictionaries and patient nationals!) There was opportunity for her to teach a SS class of children, give a devotional at a ladies' meeting and share a missionary story at a young girls' club. She's thankful for the friendship and care by Mme. Lomdoh; they discovered they have similar interests in handcrafts. Now Kathi is planning to put together a crochet kit for Mme Lomdoh to use in her training of young women. She already has a hairdressing school and a sewing shop to give practical skills to these women, and she'd love to have a restaurant. She is a picture of the Proverbs 31 woman! Pastor and Mme Lomdoh were instrumental in providing the care we needed in Kara, Togo. Please pray for them there as they continue to minister to people at Grace Baptist Church.

We enjoyed having our daughter, Michele and family with us in July. We also had extra time to spend with our son, David, before he went to Beacon Bible Camp as counsellor in August and then returned for his Junior year at Pensacola Christian College. It is always a joy to have our daughter Teresa's family visit us; we love to watch baby Kai grow rolls all the way down to his ankles!

Kathi has been busy with meetings and preparation for the new school year at Muskoka Christian School. The school enrolment has risen with several new families committing to Christian Education for their children.

1 Timothy 1:14 tells us "the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus". This has certainly been proven in our lives!

Africa Calls...



The usual line-up of nations awaiting help at L' Hospital Baptiste Biblique in Togo. Some camp out at the compound several days while medical attention is given to family members. Pray for the doctors and nurses as they put in long, hard hours caring for many people each day. Africa calls...

Present Itinerary:

September 11, 18, 25 – ministering in our home church, Riverside Baptist, Huntsville, ON.

October 2 - Main Street Baptist Church, Sackville N.B.

October 5-8 – New Brunswick Bible Institute Missions Conference, Victoria Corner, N.B.

October 9 - Devon Park Baptist Church, Fredericton, N.B.

October 16 - Mayville First Baptist Church, Mayville, N.Y.

October 30 – Pinegrove Baptist Church, Bracebridge, ON.

November 3-29 – West Africa.

December 4, 11, 18, 25 – Bethel Baptist Church, Orillia, ON..

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