

Coxes' Closing (our last TWR newsletter) October 2001



Over a month ago, I was asked to give a devotion during weekly staff meeting on 12 September. On the evening of September 11, I watched CNN in horror. In the middle of my shock and horror, I tried to formulate what I was going to say the next day in staff meeting. I went to staff meeting the next day focused on one thought: The hope of the Gospel is that God lives in each person who simply trusts Him, and nothing can separate God from that person. Despite a 40-year civil war in Angola, 33% of the Swazi population having AIDS/HIV, political and economical instability in Zimbabwe, four airplanes slamming into the heart of America and the worldwide repercussions of these hijacked airplanes, the hope of the Gospel remains the same. God's love is unchanged by the evilness of men's hearts, hijacked airplanes, civil wars, genocide or natural disaster. God's love remains a constant, a rock that does not move and an unwavering hope.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
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 Romans 8:38-39

Experiencing and communicating the hope of the Gospel is the core of our lives. It is what has compelled us to move to Africa, to return to the US for more training and what we have to focus on as our friends, family, supporters and nation experience the most horrific tragedy in US history.

On October 11, we say goodbye to Swaziland. 10,000 miles and 60 hours later, on October 13 we say hello to America. Our goal between October 22 and Christmas is to meet, face to face, with as many supporters as possible. We can visit, share, catch up, and have large amounts of coffee, tea and dessert in the process. If anyone would like us to speak to your church, Bible study, friends or other gatherings, please let us know (contact information is at the bottom of page 2).

Present, Future and Long-Term Goals

Between when we leave Swaziland and the end of December, we will remain with TWR. Our job while in the US is to visit and share with our supporters. Our financial givers may continue to give to TWR through December of 2001. This will be our last TWR newsletter; do not let this panic you, we promise to keep all of you informed about what is happening in our lives. In December, I plan to start studies at Dallas Theological Seminary. I have been accepted in their Masters of Theology program that is a four-year program (120 credit hours). By attending summer school, I hope to complete the program in three years. Our goal upon the completion of seminary is to return to Africa. We have talked with TWR about us returning with them. If a position for my skill set in TWR-Africa exists when I have completed seminary, TWR would love to have me back in Africa. However, only God knows what the future holds. New Covenant Church, our home church in Albuquerque, will allow financial givers who would like to support us while we are in seminary to continue giving. Between this support and part-time work, I hope to be able to carry a full-time class load.

Paul has been accepted to: Dallas Theological Seminary

Coxes' Itinerary

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Dog Pile



Oct 11	Depart Swaziland for Johannesburg via automobile
Oct 12	OA-106 LV J'burg 19:45 AR Oct 13 5:50 Athens
Oct 13	OA-411 LV Athens 12:20 AR New York 16:10
Oct 13	AA-105 LV New York 18:25 AR Dallas 21:12
Oct 13 - Oct 16	Rest, re-adjustment and re-acquainting with Grandparents
Oct 16	SW-1677 LV Dallas 15:45 AR Albuquerque 16:30
Oct 16 - Oct 21	Rest, re-adjustment and re-acquainting with Grandparents
Oct 22 - Nov 18	ABQ: Time with friends, visit supporters, speak in churches, etc...
Nov 19 - Nov 25	Clovis, Lubbock, arrive in Dallas/Fort Worth area
Nov 26 - Dec 2	DFW: Time with friends, visit supporters, find job, find house, etc...
Dec 3 - Dec 9	Austin, Waco, Bryan, Brownwood and Kerrville
Dec 10 - Dec 16	Texarkana and back to New Mexico for Christmas
Dec 17 - Dec 23	ABQ: Time with friends, visit supporters, wrap up in New Mexico
Dec 24 - Dec 30	ABQ: Christmas
Dec 31 - Jan 6	DFW: Back to Dallas, start school and work



Joy and Donna

Family Front:

In our last newsletter, we mentioned that Donna had been given a gift that she could not refuse, to meet her sister Joy in Sydney for a weekend. What an incredible blessing it was! The sisters had a wonderful time talking, sight seeing, talking, shopping, talking and a little crying as well.

We also mentioned that our youngest daughter, Miriam, had tubes put in her ears due to many ear infections. In this process, we had a growing concern for Micah Joy, our 2 ½ year old. Her speech has always been muddled and she had all but stopped talking out of frustration of not being understood.

We could not find anyone in Swaziland to test her hearing, so back to the ear/nose/throat specialist in Johannesburg. Her ears were terribly clogged resulting in tubes put in two days later. Six weeks later, she also had her tonsils and adenoids removed; a procedure he generally does not do until the child is three, but thought that Micah Joy should have them out earlier. She has been sick ever since arriving in Swaziland. We now have a talkative, rosy-cheeked, healthy, happy little girl that is finally sleeping well. Maybe Mom's dark circles under her eyes will start to disappear as well. ☺

Donna has had the opportunity to give several Sunday school workshops. It started with giving one to the teachers at our own church and has blossomed. Every time one is given, several more are asked for. Donna has loved the challenge. How do you teach when you are the only teacher in a rural church with 60 children (ages: birth to twelve) without a curriculum, supplies or a budget? There is a cry for help. Helping these wonderful servants of God could easily be a full-time ministry.

It was a tremendous blessing to have Chris Grabowski visit us for a second time in Swaziland. While here, he worked on some battery protection circuits for TWR, visited Mozambique and played a copious amount of Legos with our son.

Last Labors

Eight months ago, when the chief engineer in Swaziland realized that my replacement would arrive a year after my departure, he wisely moved me away from day-to-day operations and towards special projects. Two technicians who have both been with TWR for a number of years are exceptionally competent to take over my remaining day-to-day responsibilities. Where I will be missed is in planning, transitioning, installing and troubleshooting new technologies and the changes required with these new technologies. As those of you in technical areas are aware, you are either in the process of changing or in the process of being left behind.

The last big project that I have worked on has been the installation of a link that connects the office and studios to the transmitter site. This new link provides real-time audio and voice communications. It gives Swaziland levels of flexibility and productivity that were not dreamed of two years ago. (The link is a time division multiplexed microwave link using the Harris Aurora and the Harris Intraplex, for you technical geeks.) The installation of the new link was almost picture perfect, only one interference issue had to be resolved.



Dinner on the Indian Ocean

Praise

Vehicle in Swaziland sold
Healthy children
God's faithfulness the last two years

Prayer

The sale of condominium
Safety in traveling
God's provision: car, home, moving expenses

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