

**Laughed until sides hurt ...
Cried until we had no more tears**

As we reflect on the last several months, we are struck by the wide range of emotions experienced and God's graciousness and faithfulness. We have laughed until our sides hurt and we have cried until we had no more tears. Here is a glimpse of what has been going on in our side of the world.

Nehemiah and Micah Joy arrived in Benin for their summer break mid-July, lots of hugs and smiles there! At the same time friends arrived from Germany, other missionary kids arrived home in Benin from their school in Niger, and missionaries from all over Benin came to Parakou to attend the annual family fun day. It was a great day of fun but also a sad day as we said goodbye to two dear missionary families returning to their home countries.

Over the next several weeks our family played hard together, laughed hard together and worked (maybe not quite so hard) together. We also said good-bye to our two summer interns. Saying good-bye is part of the missionary life but definitely not an easy part.

We also said another very sad goodbye to Christopher Cherry, a 10-year-old friend that died of cerebral malaria. His family lives in northern Benin and are missionaries amongst an unreached people group. The Cherry's are precious friends and we are greatly grieved. We are praying that God would be

gloried through this tragedy and that He would use Christopher's death to further His kingdom in northern Benin. (See our prayer blog for more reflections on the Cherry family and Christopher's death www.cox-net.com/prayer_blog/?p=293)

At the end of August Donna flew to Kenya with all three kids to take them to Rift Valley Academy (RVA - www.rva.org) in Kenya and as you can imagine lots of emotions. The kids love RVA. We love getting their emails that talk about how great their dorm parents and teachers are and all of the activities. Most of the emails are full of good news though we received one from Miriam explaining that while she was on an outreach a swarm of bees attacked five girls, Miriam being one of them. She has about 10 stings on her arms. Praise God none of the girls had severe reactions and they are back to normal.

After Donna dropped the kids off in Kenya she flew to Texas for a short visit with her father. His health has declined over the last several months; though he is doing better at the moment. While she was in the States he celebrated his 80th birthday; what a wonderful celebration of life! It was wonderful for Donna to have a concentrated time with family! Lord willing, by the time you read this Donna will have returned to Benin to the experience of the empty nest. We know that God has many plans for this season in our lives. We have such a peace about where He has us; may we be joyful in His plans.

We Want To See You

In August 2012 the Cox family will return to the States for Home Assignment, when we report on what God is doing in Benin with as many of you as possible. Please email us and let us know if you would like for us to put you on the calendar. We are only in the states for a few months and the time fills up quickly. Also, please pray with us for a place to stay (preferably in the north Texas area) and for a car to drive.



Miriam, Nehemiah, Donna, Micah Joy & Paul at airport for RVA departure

On the TWR Front Critical Failures and a Missed Process

August was quite a remarkable month for the Benin Transmission Station (BTS). In addition to the death of Christopher Cherry (see page one), there were two critical equipment failures and a very noteworthy problem due to a missed process.

The computer that receives the programs for broadcast from South Africa crashed and the UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supply) that protects the computers and other critical equipment from power fluctuations failed. (It is possible that the computer crashed when the UPS failed.) Praise be to God that temporary solutions were quickly implemented and that no airtime was lost due to these two failures. Lord willing, by the time this letter is being read all will be back to normal.

There is a very important monthly process to the smooth functioning of BTS. Unfortunately, Paul failed to ensure there were adequate procedures to ensure this process was completed monthly. You will remember from our last newsletter that June was a very busy month and in the midst of all the busyness this process fell through the cracks. It took until August to discover the process in June was missed but it created a significant problem and some stressful moments. God was incredibly gracious to BTS to prevent this oversight from being too detrimental. Needless to say Paul is diligently working on simple but adequate procedures.

Please keep praying for a breakthrough with the NGO status and shortwave license.



Summer Interns: Kennedy Family & Cox Family
Back: Erkal, Garth, Fiona, Donna, Paul & Matt
Front: Daniel, Timothy, Micah Joy, Miriam & Nehemiah

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