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Trust in Me my Child



Most Sunday afternoons, I find a quiet place to sit, think, plan and pray for the upcoming week. I have my calendar, grocery list, to do list and a pencil, absolutely a pencil because I know there will be many changes in the plan, but I love having a plan. Several days ago as I sat ready to accomplish this weekly routine; I realized that it was impossible. I did not have a clue what the week would hold and had a moment of I am not even sure how to describe the moment but I can describe the next moment. A beautiful peace with the assurance from God "I AM IN CONTROL." I keep a journal of

meaningful verses that I come across in my quiet times and many of the verses from the last several weeks had been from Psalms; "trust in me, I am your refuge, cease striving and know that I am God, the Lord himself goes before you and will be with you...". I was able to close my blank calendar with a smile.

One of the things that are out of our control is when we will be moving into our new house. The old house is packed except the kitchen, a few clothes and toiletries. Actually we have hardly unpacked from when we arrived from the states in January, Paul in February. The new house is very close to being finished but one of the things holding us up is getting the electric company to connect power. One day it will be connected and we will move very quickly, hopefully before you get this letter! The delay in moving has caused a bit of a housing crunch. We have five extra people living with us until we move out and some of them will take over our old house. One of the five is Kalie Lovejoy, a family friend. She is here to hang out with us, and to explore missions and West Africa. We are so encouraged to have her!

*"May our bodies be a megaphone
of Grace and Truth and Christ"*

Ann Voscamp

Our kids arrive home from school the end of March along with seven other people arriving from Canada, South Africa and Ivory Coast for the dedication of the houses. So my calendar has some penciled in flight info, a few meal ideas but is otherwise open for God to make the plan.

We are really looking forward to the kids' month-long school break. They arrive the end of March and return to Kenya the end of April. God certainly worked in the Kenya Presidential elections where there were very few violent issues unlike five years ago. Thanks to those of you that joined us in praying for this! This semester has been a busy one for everyone, especially Miriam. She not only turned 13 but had a speaking part in the junior high school play as well as taking part in the band and choir concerts. It was very hard for this Mom not to be in Kenya for these events!

Please pray for health. Even though it is the dry season, there have been many cases of Malaria, including Micah Joy and me.



A Note from Paul

Praise be to God that more help has arrived. Many of you have been praying with Donna and me for more harvest workers to join the TWR team here in Benin. Steve and Jessica Willman (Electrical Engineer and Administrative Assistant) are here in Benin until June helping TWR. They are with an innovative cross-cultural immersion ministry called Journey Corps (www.journeycorps.com/) and their time with TWR is part of their Journey Corps experience. In addition, Matthew Burnett is working with TWR in Benin for the next year. Matthew is a conservationist who is helping TWR manage its 365 acres of property along with some other projects.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."
How Firm a Foundation



Those of you who read my blog know that in the month of January I took a study sabbatical to start work on my PhD in New Testament interpretation. Pursuing a PhD is something that Donna and I have been praying about for a number of years and feel that the time is right to start this process. I will be studying through South Africa Theological Seminary (SATS - www.satsonline.org). SATS is a non-resident program (i.e. I will study from Benin) so I will continue with my position as Station Director with TWR in Benin as I study.

Now that I am back in Benin my focus has once again returned to TWR's Non Government Organization (NGO) status in Benin and getting a shortwave license for TWR. As those of you who have been following the Cox family for a while know, these are two tasks that I have been working on for years. Please pray that God would grant success in these areas. (The NGO status will give TWR government benefits which will help the ministry. A shortwave license will allow us to reach more people via radio.)



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