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✧ Coast To Coast To Coast ✧

Traveling 8,000 miles can reveal much about what our lives and legacy could be.

Wow and whew, what a summer it was! Many of you might know that this summer we drove from California to New York and back again. We endeavored to visit as many of you as time would allow. We did cover around 8,000 miles and 17 states in about six weeks. At the end of our travels we were very tired but also grateful. It was a real joy and encouragement to share with so many people and churches about what God is doing in Cameroon and in our lives. We would have loved to have seen more of you but time would not permit us. What a blessing you all are. Thanks for your many prayers, meals and listening hearts!

Our return to the Temecula valley in California was precipitated by our boys having to go to school. I am sure that they would have enjoyed to spend more time with their grandparents, cousins, uncles, aunts and friends across the country but alas Tyler entered the 10th grade at Chaparral High School and Austin entered the 7th grade at Margarita Middle School in August. Both are enjoying school and are involved in Student Venture clubs (Campus Crusade for Christ). Joe is working daily in the Wycliffe regional office in the area of recruitment.

As we traveled this last summer, we had the opportunity to stop at all sorts of landmarks. Some were historical in nature and some well... were not. We drove past great baseball stadiums and small roadside historical sites. We followed most of Route 66. As we stopped in various places here and there, I was struck by the amount of effort and cost that had gone into preserving or maintaining many landmarks. I was amazed at the details someone would go to to immortalize someone or preserve a landmark.



- Praise** - God for safe travel mercies this summer.
- Praise** - for affordable housing that God has provided for us.
- Pray** - for God to provide an increase in our finances. Two of our partnering churches are not able to continue with us and our financial needs have increased as well.
- Continued Prayer** - for more workers to come to Cameroon. We are praying for more workers to be better able to serve more language groups.

Direct Line In

Pray - that we would be an encouragement to all we come into contact with this year.



Can you guess the meaning of this proverb?

“The beak of the bird is what tells us the things it eats.”

Find the meaning and application on the back of this newsletter.

Did you know that McLean, Texas is known for two things: the Devil's Rope museum (barbed wire) and the first Phillips 66 service station in Texas? Today, as you drive through Texas, McLean is not a preferred destination point. In times past this service station sat as a beacon on the "Mother Road."

During our travels, we had the joy of going to two family reunions. The Rider family reunion was very different for me from years past. Last furlough Grandpa Rider went to be with the Lord. As I look back on all the special memories, I am very thankful for the Christian heritage of my family. Many of the old memories of time spent with Grandpa came flooding back. Times spent in a warm, odorous milking barn. Times in a Ford pickup truck delivering newspaper bundles and drinking root beer. Times in the farm house talking about spiritual things.

It got me to thinking. I asked myself the question, "What legacy am I leaving behind?" Is it more for me or

is it putting attention on our God and make Him known? Psalm 143:5 says,

"I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands."

God has left and continues to leave a tremendous legacy for us. There are markers or events in our lives that stand as a testimony to God's faithfulness. What markers or landmarks are we leaving behind of God's grace, mercy and love? What things left behind will draw attention to God or give Him glory? It is our prayer as we endeavor to serve Him in Cameroon that such a legacy is left behind. Pray with us to this end.

Answer:

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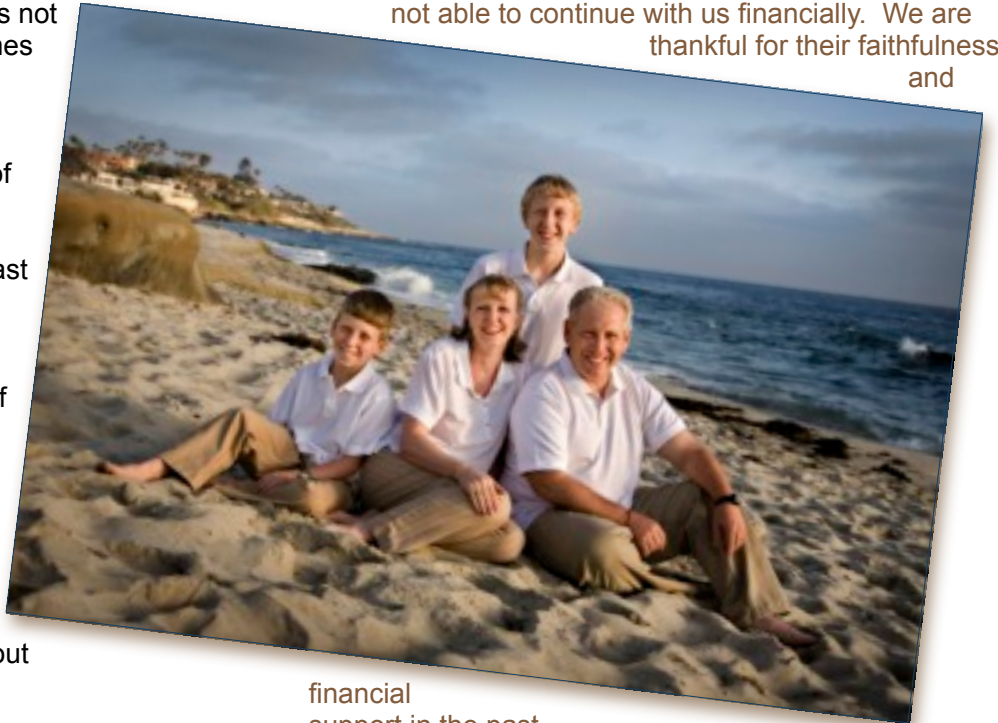
"The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

Proverbs 22:6

Your words reveal what kind of person you are.

On another note:

Pray with us as our financial situation has changed due to several factors. Two of our partnering churches are not able to continue with us financially. We are thankful for their faithfulness and



financial support in the past.

The cost of the U.S. dollar has dropped tremendously since the time we first left for the field 10 years ago. People's and churches' financial situations change, we realize, but we could use your help. Does God want you to partner with us in giving people access to God's Word? If He does, please consider joining us in His ministry by finances or prayer.

If you desire for us to come and share with you, your church or group please contact us. We would be very excited to be able to share the ministry that God has for us and what He is doing in Cameroon.

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