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Hi everyone

Time for an update. Some of the information in our last prayer letter was out of date before the ink had finished drying! While we were stuffing letters to send out, I was writing emails to the US embassies in both Montreal and Cameroon. I found out they were both waiting for each other - but by the end of the day we got word that the Montreal embassy had reconnected with Cameroon and a few days later the documents were sent to Montreal. I just wrote yesterday (a week after the documents were due to arrive) and asked for an update. Keep praying that this progresses. Joshua's visitor's visa in Canada expires the first week of May. We should be able to get an extension, but we'd obviously like to be in the US instead!

Meanwhile, we've had to start making multiple trips down to the US to take care of responsibilities there. A few weeks back we went to Milbank, SD (the church where we were married). I was able to share at a Saturday morning men's breakfast, and then we had the Sunday School time, church service and an informal Q&A time after a potluck. It was great fun to get connected with Valley Baptist church again.

While in South Dakota we were able to celebrate Rachel's birthday with Lisa's parents (only the second time in Rachel's life that this has happened), and Rachel's one remaining great-grandparent, who's birthday was also that week. For Rachel's birthday we ordered a low-end cheap laptop from Wal-Mart for her to use for school and entertainment so that she doesn't keep bugging us to use ours :). When we got the machine, I noticed some of the specs weren't what I ordered. The processor, hard drive and memory were all upgraded a step. I called Wal-Mart and they don't even sell the machine we got, so we assume that Toshiba ran out and substituted. Wal-Mart was happy to leave us keep the machine if we liked it, so we ended up with \$250 of extra upgrades that we didn't order!

This coming weekend, Lisa will be embarking on a 10 day trip on her own, while I stay back with the kids. Here is her itinerary:

- 14th: Drive to South Dakota (6 hours)
- 15th: present to Labolt Covenant Church Sunday School
- 16th: Drive to Minneapolis (4 hours), visit friends
- 17th: Fly to World Team head office in Pennsylvania
- 18th/19th: Special invitation to International Board meetings as a member of Cameroon Field Leadership Team
- 20th: Fly back to Minneapolis, drive back to South Dakota
- 21st: Ladies tea at Augusta Lutheran Brethren church
- 22nd: Two presentations - Augusta and Antelope Valley Reformed Church (they share a pastor)
- 23rd: Drive back to Manitoba

We are also starting to book presentations in May (South Dakota) and June (Illinois). If we continue to experience delays, we'll have to continue making special trips from Manitoba for these events.

Continue to pray for us during this time of waiting.

- Pray that we will still be able to meet with all our supporters in the US.
- Pray for Lisa and all the meetings, visits and presentations she'll be at.
- Also pray that our support needs will be met for next term.
- Finally, our tutor, Karla Braun, has bought her plane tickets in faith (we wanted to make sure we could fly together and tickets were starting to sell out), but still needs to raise some more funds. Pray that her needs will also be met.

God Bless  
Dan Friesen