

October 1st, 2011

Dear friends,

October is upon us, and as we look back, it is hard to believe that it has been 11 months since we started the deputation process. About a year ago Becky and I made the two hour trip from our home in Louisville, KY to Indianapolis to meet with a particular pastor, who graciously invited us to the missions conference at his church; the invitation was for the 2011 conference. What seemed like such a distant event is now upon us, and as I type these words, we are getting ready for the conference.

I remember thinking that we would be almost done with the deputation process by the time October 2011 rolled around. The reality is that we are still far from being done. I now realize how clueless I was concerning the deputation process. However, we trust that the Lord has taught us some valuable lessons concerning our abilities and sufficiency, which come not from ourselves but from Him. Nevertheless, we also hope that we did make some progress towards our goal in the month of September. More importantly, we hope that the work of our hands will have an eternal and God-honoring significance.

Early in September parts of the Chattanooga area were without power for a few days. The heavy rain and wind had felled many trees and power lines, and our busied lives were brought to a crawl. It was a good reminder to us of God's sovereignty. As a result we had some opportunities to do some outside work and earn some extra income. Becky has also been volunteering at the crisis pregnancy center on a weekly basis. It is an opportunity for her to put the skills she learned in graduate school in practice. Above all, it is an avenue through which she can serve the Lord.

Please continue to pray for us concerning an internship. We will be meeting with two pastors in mid October regarding this issue. May God make His will known both to us and to the leaders of that particular church. We also need wisdom concerning how to proceed while we wait for a decision to be made.

We will spend this week in Indiana for a missions conference. We will then travel to West Virginia on Saturday for a meeting on Sunday before going back to Chattanooga for a conference that starts on Wednesday. We were in Alabama and Iowa this past week. We have traveled many miles in a short amount of time. The Lord has been gracious in keeping us safe. Please keep praying for our safety, as we travel. We truly appreciate all those of you who remember us in prayer; it means a lot to us. May the Lord richly bless you.

For the Gospel,
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