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Friday evening was the Hillcrest graduation. It was a great evening. Thank you for your prayers as I spoke. I focused on setting the moral compass of their lives on a biblical worldview. The personal vignettes the class sponsors, Bob and Gayle Murray, gave about each graduating senior were especially fun and insightful.

Dorothy had a class party with her third grade class on Thursday and said goodbye to the precious little ones she guided through the year. She has been busy the last few days cleaning her classroom, taking inventory and getting a few things ready for next school year like her bulletin boards. The girls and our visitor from Moody, Lydia, have also been helping her. She will take off for a few days to spend some time with the girls.

The girls finished well. Marie was inducted into the National Honor Society and was thrilled at the honor. Heather won the Citizenship Award for her class and Anna won the Music Award for her class. Both were in the High Honor Roll and Heather got the Presidential Award in physical fitness. David was given an award for "the most expressive reader" in the class. We are so proud of all of them.

This is also the time of year when we say a lot of goodbyes. Our good friends and neighbors, the Lemanskis left today to spend the summer with their families in Michigan and Oklahoma. Their son, CJ, was David's play buddy on the compound so David will miss him sorely. We will miss all of the family. Many of the kids classmates are also leaving for the summer and some will not return to Nigeria so it is a sad time as well.

We also said goodbye to my nephew Luke this week. We had a wonderful time with him and he got involved in a lot of activities and saw a lot of the ministries in Nigeria. He was such fun and the kids loved playing all sorts of games with him this week. The girls' favorite game was "tickle Luke". We will miss him and hope he can make another visit before he leaves Niger next year.

We are expecting a family from Maryland next week and a team from Dallas so we are looking forward to more visitors this summer. Marie leaves next week for her summer camps and I leave in two weeks so we are enjoying a few days as a family. Dorothy and I are also enjoying the spare time to prepare for our teaching responsibilities next school year.

Disappointingly, the heating element in the new autoclave is not working so we are looking into the reason it failed so quickly. The electricity situation is terrible so the hospital is running its generators almost 24 hours a day. This is costing an enormous amount in diesel fuel so we pray for an improvement in the power situation. The water supply has also been sporadic so we are still being careful with our water usage and recycling the house water and using the well every day.

My sister's last email was very encouraging about my father. He and my mother moved back to their house this week and Dad is getting stronger, eating better and moving around more. I am planning to visit them the last two weeks of June and am excited to see them to encourage and help them.

Thanks for your prayers and emails. We enjoy hearing from you and will get back to you as soon as we can if our email is working.

In Christ,  
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