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Greetings from San Diego. Since we left Nigeria we have been on a whirlwind schedule as we embark on our "see America" trip. Our flight from Abuja to Frankfurt and then on to Chicago and Charlotte went well except Heather had some problems with air sickness. In Charlotte at the SIM headquarters we were "debriefed" and enjoyed seeing our many friends there, some of whom we have served with in Liberia and Nigeria. SIM-USA has appointed a new Director so there is excitement about the arrival this summer of the new Director. We also enjoyed having dinner on Tuesday evening with the Hoffman's and on Wednesday evening with the Bogunjokos. We are grateful for their faithfulness in serving the Lord in the U.S. and International SIM offices and their kindness and encouragement.

We were delighted to see waiting for us in the parking lot at the SIM-USA office a Toyota SUV given to us by good friends in Texas. It is a beautiful vehicle and will make our cross-country pilgrimage easier in many ways. We sent Marie off to Camp of the Woods on Tuesday evening to work as a camp counselor for the summer and then loaded up the car on Thursday and headed for Annapolis.

We had an uneventful trip and have been staying with the Cruise family during our three week Maryland visit. Last Sunday we spoke at College Parkway Baptist Church, Dorothy's parents' church, and of the next two Sundays we will be speaking at other supporting churches in Annapolis. We are also lined up to speak at several home groups and meet with a number of friends in the area. On Monday I flew to San Diego to visit my parents and get things lined up for working at the Veterans Hospital in San Diego. Although it has been a busy week visiting the VA hospital twice, stopping in at the high school where the twins will be going to school in the fall and visiting with friends in the area, it has been a good trip and it was great to see my parents doing well and also see my sister and her husband and my brother Jim and his wife Shari. They are excited we will be returning to San Diego for our furlough and are getting things ready for our eventual arrival August 1.

Dorothy has been exercising her gift of "shopping" getting some clothes and necessities for Heather, Anna and David. She also visited her brother, Bob, and his wife Ellen in Frederick, Maryland. I am looking forward to seeing them tonight when I arrive back in Maryland.

I have been having some lower back pain since leaving Nigeria and would appreciate your prayers for relief from this and for boldness and clarity as we present our ministry in Nigeria at churches and groups in the coming weeks. We also covet your prayers for safety as we travel. We are encouraged to hear Marie is doing well in her counselor orientation at Camp of the Woods and I know she would appreciate prayer for wisdom as she shepherds young girls who will be coming to the camp this summer.

Thanks for your prayers and I hope I can get to a computer more often to give you updates on our travels. Thanks.

In Christ,
 Bill Ardill

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