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Calling it Lake Pleasant is a real understatement. It is more like "Amazing Lake", "Gorgeous Lake", "Awesome Lake" or "Serene Lake" would be more accurate. We are enjoying the first of our two weeks in Speculator, New York at Camp of the Woods. Dorothy's family has been coming to this Christian family camp since she was a child. She also worked at the main camp and then later at the girls' island camp called Tapawingo. It is a missions minded camp with all their summer offerings going to support missionaries around the world. We are privileged to be "camp missionaries" and enjoy sharing informally, during the Wednesday evening missions focus and in the Thursday afternoon missions seminar what the Lord is doing in Nigeria through the ministries in which we are involved. Heather and Anna are at Tapawingo this week with Marie who is working there as a counselor all summer. David has been having fun with us going to a football camp every morning, playing on the playground with other kids, scaling the climbing wall, swimming and this afternoon we went canoeing across the lake. Next week we will be a bit busier but we are enjoying a bit more rest this week. On Saturday the twins come back from the island camp and Dorothy's parents and her brother's family and sister's family come fore the week – family reunion of sorts. Although it has rained quite a bit we are enjoying the cooler weather, clear skies, quiet nights and fantastic forests. The camp staff have been incredibly gracious and kind and we are gaining weight by the day with all the great food. The music has also been a real blessing and we have enjoyed the morning messages from Charles Zimmerman, a pastor from Pennsylvania.

Last week we enjoyed staying with Karen Vick in northern New Jersey. She was very brave to invite our family to stay with her and we greatly appreciate her hospitality and kindness. We went into New York City two days and enjoyed seeing the Ellis Island museum, the Statue of Liberty, a science center and the Intrepid aircraft carrier and submarine museum. We also enjoyed sharing with a group of friends one evening and shared at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Again we were encouraged by the interest and prayer support of many.

On Friday were drove to Connecticut and enjoyed a wonderful evening with Dr. Dick Topazian and his wife Pauline. They invited several families from their church for dinner and gave us an opportunity to share with them about our ministries in Nigeria. Much to our surprise, Dorothy recognized one couple and found out she had gone to Houghton College with them many years ago. We were so grateful for the Topazians' gracious hospitality and faithful support of our family and ministry.

We are still aware we have been away from the U.S. for some time. On a toll road from Connecticut to New York as I pulled up to the toll attendant I asked if we could have a receipt for our toll. He looked at us a bit cynically, said "Sure." As I was handing him the \$3.50 toll, he said "There is no toll for this section" and handed me a receipt for \$0.00! Then today in the football clinic David asked the coach what the 'quarterback' was! We are all in the learning mode!

Marie has been working hard at Tapawingo. Last week one of the little girls in her cabin was quite homesick so Marie spent a lot of time comforting her. She eventually left early. This has been a better week for her and we hope she has a good summer as she pours her life into these young ladies who are so precious to the Lord.

We wanted to share with you another prayer item. Jay Tolar, the physical education teacher and sports coach at Hillcrest, was not feeling well for some time and was due for furlough this year. Shortly after arriving in the U.S. Jay had a medical evaluation and has been told he has Lou Gehrig's disease. We would appreciate your prayers for Jay and his wife Heidi and kids Jake and Julie as they face many tough emotions and decisions in the coming days. We understand they will be staying in the Charlotte area for now and pray the Lord bring alongside them encouragers and good counselors.

Thanks for your faithful interest in us and prayers on our behalf.

In Christ,  
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