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**From:** Bill Ardill [bill.ardill@sim.org]  
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Last weekend we had a great time celebrating on several occasions Heather and Anna's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. They were very excited not only because it is a significant milestone but because we gave them their "purity rings." They chose the rings several weeks ago but on their birthday we had the joy of giving them the rings and asking them to stay pure before the Lord until such time as the Lord provides for them a life partner. They were very excited and the next day proudly showed their girlfriends their new shining rings. We are proud of them and continue to pray they will seek the Lord's willing every aspect of their lives. Marie came down from Azusa Pacific University for this special weekend and it was also great to see her and catch up on her college news. She is being exposed to new church styles of worship, new friends and lots of new life experiences. So far she is doing well in her choices and is doing better on the loneliness front. She misses her boyfriend who is going to Lancaster Bible College in Pennsylvania.

Heather and Anna are now doing better in their classes at the local public high school. Their first month was rough figuring out what classes they could handle in addition to their music lessons and sports. They are taking Algebra, Biology and Chemistry in addition to Spanish 2 and Humanities so they have a lot on their plates. They are especially glad to get reacquainted with friends they knew at church and school from our last furlough. On Fridays we have enjoyed going to the high school football games trying to help our kids understand the game. Many of their friends are in the band or on the football team so it has been lots of fun. Today we went to a pumpkin patch and each chose a pumpkin and David ran through the corn row maze.

David is enjoying his 4<sup>th</sup> grader teacher and is also making new friends. He walks home from the elementary school two blocks away with his friends Tyler and his sister. He is also going to the Wednesday evening church youth program. He is also loving go to a gymnastics program and learning to do flips and tumbling.

Dorothy has been very busy working on her last few courses to complete her Master's degree in Elementary Education. She only has to go to a "real" class for one course and the other two are online. She is working hard now on her mini-thesis and hopes to have the bulk of the work done before Thanksgiving. She is also attending a women's Bible study at church.

I am enjoying my part-time work at the Veterans Hospital. I have been asked to take on more teaching responsibilities and am so grateful for the opportunities to work with medical students and surgical residents. There are lots of opportunities to update my knowledge base and surgical skills so it has been a great work experience for me.

We have also appreciated the opportunities we have had since coming to San Diego to speak in Sunday school classes and other venues and share what we have been doing in Nigeria with SIM. We are looking forward to visiting a few more of our churches and know of several more speaking engagements.

It has also been wonderful to be able to spend more time with my parents, my sister Sharon and her husband John and my brother Jim and his wife Shari. We had a great time at Jim's daughter Emily's wedding a few weeks ago in Sacramento and enjoy seeing Jim and Shari every few weeks.

Thanks for your prayers for our settling in. We are grateful for the faithful prayer and financial support of so many around the country and the world. As we mentioned previously we are not sending out weekly updates but will continue to occasionally update you on how we are doing. We plan to go to Maryland to visit Dorothy's family for Thanksgiving and are looking forward to seeing them and the autumn leaves.

In Christ,  
 Bill Ardill

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