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Thank you so much for your prayers and emails for my mother. She was discharged to a rehabilitation facility on Monday which is in the same complex as the hospital. She has had intermittent bouts of severe pain in her left hip since the surgery but generally is improving. The physical therapists are working with her daily and we are hopeful her strong will and determination will serve her well during this recovery. Dad is doing well and is visiting her every day. Thanks for your ongoing prayers in the coming weeks of her persevering through the pain to walk again.

In other news, David is advancing rapidly in his gymnastics class and today did a "Barani" which to the uninitiated is a flip with a twist! He is being advanced to the group of older more experienced kids and seems to be thriving in this sport.

Heather got a new trumpet for Christmas and is also busy playing on the high school girls' junior varsity soccer team. She and Anna have final exams next week and are a bit stressed out about that. I always thought having final exams after Christmas should be banned worldwide, along with landmines and eating liver and onions! Anna is enjoying going to a new art class and is excited about all she is learning through the fashion club at school. Next months she will go on a field trip to San Francisco to visit some key fashion industry spots in the city with her fashion club friends.

It has been great to have Marie home with us this holiday. She had a great time at the Urbana Missions Conference in St. Louis the week after Christmas. Her boyfriend Dwight returned from Urbana with her and they are having a great week seeing the sights of San Diego and enjoying the gorgeous weather here. She is training for a Marathon in February and wanted me to include the following for your interest:

On Sunday, February 7th, 2010, I will be participating in the 2010 Surf City USA Marathon on behalf of "Compassion First".

You can partner with me by clicking here http://compassionfirst-resourcecenter.com/event/FundraisingPage.asp?Event_ID=30&Participant_ID=103&Contact_ID=1136&EMAIL_TYPE=P to view my personal web page and supporting this effort. There you will also find more of my own story about why I'm racing for the sake of others.

Compassion First is a 501(c) 3 Christian relief organization providing sustainable, hope-filled solutions for victims of child sexual trafficking. The money raised from my race will support the opening and operation of transitional centers for rescued victims of human trafficking and child sexual slavery. Click here to view the Compassion First Numbers to Names Video.

For the sake of others,

Marie Ardill and The Compassion First Race Team

Dorothy has to finish up her "mini-thesis" and then will have completed her course work for her master degree in education. She is also excited to have been given a few substitute teaching jobs this week in local elementary schools.

Work at the Veterans Hospital last week got interesting when about 10:30 Wednesday morning I felt my office on the 5th floor shaking and moving. I got up and realized we were in the middle of an earthquake which later was said to be a 5.8 and based in Baja, Mexico, just across the border. Fortunately there were no buildings damaged or people injured and everyone went about their business. I guess it was just "imported" Californians like me that were unnerved a bit by the whole incident. Then to top off the week, on Wednesday

afternoon while I was in surgery clinic, we were told there was a bomb threat and we had to evacuate the building. So we were all herded outside (in the beautiful 70o sunny weather of San Diego) for 30 minutes, and then herded again to the multipurpose room before being told what was going on. After another 30 minutes we were all released but by that time most of the rest of the surgery patients had gone home so we got off a bit earlier than we had planned. Today was busy but thankfully no earthshaking incidents!

Thanks again for your ongoing support, prayers and emails, especially for my mother. I have not been able to respond to all the emails but wanted to express my parents' appreciation for your thoughts and prayers.

Till next time,
Bill Ardill