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Let's start with some good news. My mother came home from the rehab hospital on Saturday after falling on New Years Day and breaking her left hip. She is doing well shuffling around the house with her walker and is learning how to get comfortable with multiple pillows and cushions. She is still having some pain as she also struggles with chronic back and right hip pain. We are thankful she is improving and are grateful for your prayers for her.

Marie is back at Azusa and is really enjoying her classes this semester. She has Abnormal Psychology which she loves and a good teacher for her Bible class in Exodus and Judges. She is training hard for her marathon on February 7 and yesterday she ran 22 miles! She said she felt "pretty good" after the run so we are considering a psych consult for her!

Anna is in San Francisco this weekend with her school fashion club. She is having a great time both seeing the sights of the city as well as visiting various fashion industry shops and schools. This is new territory for us as we venture into the fashion world and colleges that offer this kind of education. She continues to play her flute and harass her little brother.

Heather is enjoying being on the junior varsity girls soccer team even though she has not had a lot of playing time. I think she is their most enthusiastic player and fan and we admire her persistence and patience. She is especially thankful the semester exams are finished. (As I have said before, this practice of exams after the holidays needs to be globally banned!) She got a new trumpet for Christmas so we are looking forward to great sounds from her this year!

David is our "idea mill." Yesterday he made up a new board game he calls "Around the Track - a questions game." He and I made up the questions so there are not a lot of surprise questions when playing with him but he still loves it. He is doing exceptionally well in his trampoline and gymnastics after-school class. He has been advanced to work with a new coach and the 5th and 6th graders. I can't even pronounce the moves he is learning but he can do front flips and back flips in a variety of body positions now. He is loved by his coaches and is a fast learner.

Dorothy is FINALLY in the last stages of her master's degree course and hopes to be done by the end of January. She is also excited that she has been offered a part-time job three half days a week at David's elementary school helping with an autistic child and assisting in his classroom.

I am enjoying my work at the Veterans Hospital. I am now the Director of the 3rd year medical student surgery program and am the point man for the department of surgery at the Simulation Center of the VA Hospital. I will be going to Phoenix for a Simulation Conference next week. The new human simulators are really amazing and are wonderful teaching tools for residents and medical students.

This weekend there was more trouble in Jos with a small riot and a number of people killed. The details are still sketchy but we are thankful it was quickly contained by the authorities and none of the missionaries was harmed. The political and religious tension is just under the surface and seems to erupt quickly so we continue to pray for reconciliation and healing in the city of Jos.

Thanks for your faithful prayers and support. We are grateful and are so glad to be here for this time of renewal and refreshment.