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Greetings from cloudy and cool (relatively speaking of course!) San Diego where I am in a “relatively” empty house finishing our packing. We had a great furlough (home assignment in current lingo) and are in the last few days before returning to Jos August 3. I wanted to give you an update on our family news and thank you for your important role in our lives and ministry.

By way of family news I had a kidney stone removed to avoid having it maybe “drop” while we were in Nigeria. Although difficult to visualize, I never fancied trying to remove my own stone! (I have always had to have some sort of intervention to get rid of them.) Don’t dwell on that thought too long, just know it is gone and I am grateful. The procedure went well even though the postop course was a bit rough for a few days. As the Bible says, “This too shall pass!” I am feeling much better and up to the task of finishing our packing.

I took David to Deerfoot Camp in upstate New York and he had a terrific two week experience. Although as a boy whose communication is usually in one syllable spurts, I managed to pull out of him a few of the activities of his camping experience with 200 boys including two campouts, fun crafts, lots of swimming, bathing in the cold lake each morning and a brief mention of a few friends he made. For a nine year old boy I guess that is an overall successful camping experience! I will probe him more about what else he learned when I see him and hope the experience also drew him closer to the Lord.

Heather and Anna had a great week with their church high school youth group at Hume Lake Christian Conference Center in the Sequoia National Forest in the southern California mountains. Dorothy and I drove up on Thursday (7 hours each way!) to pick them up and then they left with Dorothy on Friday for Camp of the Woods in the Adirondack Mountains in New York. Although their flight was delayed in Newark, NJ for several hours, they got there safely (at 2:30 am Saturday) and are having a wonderful time with Dorothy’s family. Camp of the Woods is a great time of refreshment for our family and we enjoy the many opportunities to tell campers about our ministry in Nigeria. I am looking forward to joining them on Friday for one week.

Marie is doing well as a counselor at the Tapawingo – the girls island camp associated with Camp of the Woods. She is excited this year to have older campers (8th graders), many of whom are seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord. We are glad she is having a good summer and thankful for a few brief visits with her before we leave. Please pray for her as she faces her second year in college with us a continent and an ocean way. We are grateful my brother Jim, sister Sharon and parents are not far away to help her and give her a place to stay on the school breaks. She is leading the women’s discipleship leaders at Azusa this next year and is active in the Third Culture kids group.

Meanwhile I have been packing for our trip to Jos for another two year term. I am also packing into the attic what remains of the stuff in the house so we can rent it while we are away. Please pray that the Lord will provide a renter since we cannot afford the mortgage payments without someone in the house. Last term a nice young couple with one son stayed for the entire two year period and we would love to have a similar situation again.

I am working this week, will take a week off (to join my family at Camp) and then have one more week of work before we leave. I have so appreciated the great welcome I have received at the VA and will miss my colleagues and friends there when we leave. I wish I could take a few of them and a few of the well equipped operating rooms to Evangel with me!

We value your ongoing support and prayers especially as we return to a Nigeria where the security continues to deteriorate, our ministry and role in partnering with the church is changing and our family dynamics are also changing. So, thanks again and I will write again before you leave for some last minute thoughts and prayers.

Grateful in Christ,

Bill Ardill