
Ardills' News

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We're moving again!

Our departure date to return to our ministry with SIM in Nigeria is July 23. We are grateful for a terrific "home assignment" year in the U.S. We enjoyed seeing many friends from Annapolis to San Diego and have had the privilege of spending time with our "left coast" family this year. After our exciting road trip across America last summer, we were thankful the children adjusted well to new schools and new church youth groups as we settled into California living. After a faith-testing wait, God provided a wonderful part-time job for Bill at the Veterans Medical Center in San Diego in the surgery department. In addition to upgrading his surgical skills and passing his recertification general surgery board exams, he has also enjoyed teaching medical students and surgery residents. Beginning a career change, Dorothy completed her California teaching credential in elementary education, did 6 months of student teaching in David's elementary school just down the street from our house and kept us all fed and clothed in the process!



Marie, Jeremiah Miller, Anna, Heather, Dorothy, Sharon and John Miller
Dad and Mom Ardill, David

We also became involved in Emmanuel Faith Community Church in Escondido where my parents have been attending for many years. In addition to finding new friends in our Sunday School class, we had many opportunities to speak in a variety of groups and are included in the global outreach program. We are excited others have also joined our prayer and financial support team.

Another foray into new waters for us was getting a house as a "home base" for the family. God directed us to one near the church we have been attending, in a great school district, a safe neighborhood and within a reasonable commuting distance for Bill's work. Bill's parents moved into the renovated downstairs 2 room apartment and we also have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend more time with them. The children have enjoyed stopping in for a hot chocolate with Papa. Please pray we will find a suitable family to rent our house while we are in Nigeria. Bill's mother has struggled with various health issues over the past 6 months. Please pray for God's special healing touch in her life as well. Thanks.

Remember our website
<http://www.ardillfamily.com> and if you would like to receive our weekly email updates, let us know at bill.ardill@sim.org

The children have all done extremely well this year. Marie adjusted to the anxiety of attending a high school of 3000 students and Heather and Anna made several good friends in their school of 2000. David had to change schools mid-year when we moved and found new friends easily. They are all very excited to be going "home" to Nigeria and will begin their new school year on August 1.



Heather, skateboarder David, Anna and Marie

Through the support, prayers and encouragement of many, God has been faithful to us this year in providing a refreshing year with our family and friends. We covet your prayers and support as we face both old and new challenges in this new era of missions. We are especially interested in seeing how the new government in Nigeria handles the security and infrastructure problems and the impact on religious freedom. Thanks for your prayers for good health and safety for the family as we face the challenges of living in the tropics, the dangers of road travel in Nigeria and deteriorating security situation. Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support.

In Christ,

Bill, Dorothy, Marie, Heather, Anna and David Ardill



Our California surfer girl Marie!

Bill will resume his role at Evangel Hospital training Nigerian residents in basic surgery, assisting with the vesicovaginal fistula program to help women with child labor related injuries and encouraging the expansion of the crisis pregnancy program. He will also be teaching biblical ethics at Hillcrest school and at a local Bible school. Dorothy is excited to begin teaching 3rd grade at Hillcrest School. Her years of involvement in many roles at Hillcrest School will help as she unwraps the wonderful potential in her young students. She will also be involved in the Widows Bucket Project to provide HIV/AIDS education and food to widows and orphans through women in Nigerian churches. We are grateful for financial commitments of many to support us. Because so much of what we do depends on our "ministry account," we do have a need in that area if you are interested in joining our support team.

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