



Starting to settle in

Well, we have been off the road for about 1 month and you would think that life would be settling down. This may sound strange but life was a bit simpler while we were traveling around the Western US. We only had a couple of things on our plate at any given time. I have been wondering of late whether the Apostle Paul ever took time away from full time ministry. I suppose sitting in a jail in Caesarea for 2+ years gave him some down time. Now don't get me wrong. We do enjoy ministry, and we aren't so busy that we

would consider incarceration as a positive direction. The challenge of it all is to know how busy God wants us to be. We know from this past term on the field that burning the candle at both ends is NOT God's desire for us. That can happen for short seasons but shouldn't be the norm. In many respects it is a matter of competing priorities. Do I turn down a men's breakfast speaking opportunity so that I can spend a couple of days away with my wife? Choices, choices. And yes, this time around the men will be eating their scrambled eggs and bacon without me. :-)

We mention it below but it is worth saying a few words concerning Judith's visa extension request that we are asking you to pray for. We did just see that Judith has an appointment up in Portland on October 3rd to have her fingerprints taken. Hopefully this will allow the rest of the process to come to a swift conclusion. This has been a point of stress for me over the last several weeks. Pray that I can walk by faith and rest in His goodness.

In other news, our co-workers recently spent a week in Malaumanda and were encouraged by their time there. As is usually the case there were plenty of good, bad and 'what were they thinking' sorts of situations going on in the community. The church as a whole seems to be doing well. They did request a bit more teaching which John and I will be discussing more in the months to come. We continue to pray for some additional men to be trained up as leaders. The new public school for younger children seems to be doing well though they are waiting on books and the like from the gov't. We'll devote a future update to this encouraging development.

Thanks so much for standing with us in life and ministry
Eric and Judith, Stephen, Daniel and Timothy

Prayer/Praise

- We have applied for a visa extension for Judith. We have not heard much yet so please **Pray** that this will be approved! This is HUGE as she only has until late November on her current visa.
- **Praise** that Stephen passed his test to get his learners permit to drive. Now **Pray** for us as we work to see him learn good driving skills.
- **Praise** that we have several opportunities to share in the coming weeks.
- **Praise** that we were able to find a second car. We had to do a bit of work on it so **Pray** that we won't have to do much more.
- **Praise** that several people have stated that they would like to start supporting us. Please **Pray** that the Lord will provide quite a bit more monthly support.

Left: The boys on our Labor day hike to Shellburg Falls.
Right: Stephen and I joined some other men from Faith Church in an attempt to hit some clay pigeons.





God Answered

We asked you to pray for Judith's Visa extension in our last update. Just after sending that email out we found out that Judith was not able to travel up to Canada while that application was in process. We were also told that the processing center that was working on her application is taking about 4 months (on average) to process requests. Just this last Thursday Judith and I went up to Portland, Oregon to get her fingerprinted. We fully expected the 4 month clock to start at that point in time.

Well, I was just about to write an email to ask all of you to pray specifically that her application would get processed quickly when God beat us to the punch. About 24 hours after Judith was fingerprinted we received notification that her application was approved and she now has revised paperwork that will allow her to stay in the US until the end of May, 2020.

God is good and we wanted all of you to rejoice along with us.

Blessings,
Eric and Judith, Stephen, Daniel and Timothy