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Returning Home

By the time you read this we should be settled down in our little apartment in Moedling. Ah, NOT to be on the road again. It's been quite an adventure. If you didn't follow our comments along the way the blog posts are still available (see address below) .

During our furlough we flew 10,041 miles (16,200 km) and drove 10,862 miles (17,480 km) for a total travel distance of 20,902 miles (33,638 km). No wonder we're feeling tired!

We stayed in 28 different beds, in 25 states and visited with 38 churches, friends, supporters and various other folks along the way. We took over 1,000 photographs and enjoyed numerous and various meals along the way.

We were blessed with gifts, joy, laughter and fellowship. There were some rough times, a few repairs here and there but God's grace and provision were evident.

Thanks

We want to thank everyone (friends, family, churches, Bible studies, repair men) for their

encouragement, support and assistance on our long journey. It was a delight to see how the Lord is working back here at home, to join in fellowship in our native language and hear God's word preached.

We want to thank the Whites for the use of their car and their daughter Anne for watching out for our apartment while we were gone. We want to thank each of you for our financial help to cover our travel expenses across the USA.

Remote Control

One of the modern marvels is the ability to accomplish a lot of IT work remotely. OK, I, Bob, can't throw a switch but I can make changes, fix software issues and deal with other aspects of administration.

During our travels, when Internet was available, I had a few chances to lend a hand back in Europe as well as answer a question now and then for our USA office. I want to thank Rick for the marvelous work he did covering the needs of Vienna, along with the rest of Europe, while I was on furlough. It was comforting to know the European systems were in good

hands.

Beth was also able to keep in touch with some of her Third Culture Kids and continue her research while we traveled. All in all we worked a bit on both sides of the Atlantic while driving hither and yon.

Family News

Little Lily Mai is sprouting teeth to the delight of Jasmine and James. (James is still overseas.) Laurana is playing ball, making lots of noise and keeping Ellice and Brad busy. Hayden likes to call Oma and Opa on the phone, will make them coffee, but not waffles, and plays heartily while Dad and Mom (Joel and Sonya) anticipate a new arrival in July. Evan continues his studies at Eastern Kentucky University while working at Hastings to pay his bills.

Visitations

Any time we take a long road trip we're always looking for places we've never visited. This furlough provided a few of those "new" experiences.

Beth's father was part of the CCC which built the road through Death Valley. We drove

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that road.

Bob's always had an interest in technology and engineering marvels. We drove across the Hoover Dam.

We always like mountains and beautiful views. We went to the top of Sandia Peak in New Mexico and were fascinated with the Red Rocks of Arizona.

Certain highways have long histories. We drove major portions of Route-66 and up the coast of California along US-1 stopping to ooh and aah along the way.

Thank you Lord for these extras You provided along the many miles of highway!

Financial Facts

Furlough is a major time to evaluate our support need and seek the Lord's guidance in filling that need. At this time we are still \$106 per month short of pledged support. We're excited to see God provide now as He has the last 26 years. If you feel the Lord leading you to become a support, please contact us directly.

Thanks Be To God!

- Furlough is OVER!!!
- A great visit with my family, and our grandchildren.
- God's provision from beginning to end of

furlough.

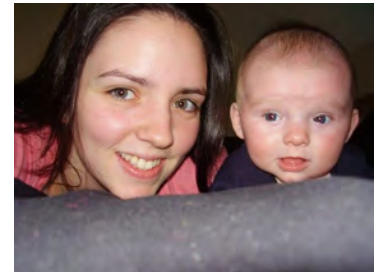
- For the grace and love of God we experience day by day.

Prayer Requests

- ◆ James as he serves in the army overseas.
- ◆ Evan as he continues work and attending Eastern Kentucky University.
- ◆ Getting back into the swing of things in Europe.
- ◆ Pledged support need will be met.
- ◆ Joel to complete his final classes while working full time.
- ◆ Sonya for good health in her pregnancy.



James joins us from deployment.



Jasmine and Lily take a peek from Virginia.



Most of the clan, Left—>right, Back—>front
Sonya, Joel, Evan
Bob, Ellice, Brad
Hayden, Beth, Laurana

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