

The Messer Message

May 6, 2005

Dear Praying friends,

Just a quick note to make sure everyone knows that Andy did make it to San Pedro safe and sound. He has made progress in packing our stuff and moving it to storage. We are hoping to be able to rent from my brother when we do go back, so it is just as well that we get out of our old house (which I did thoroughly enjoy, but am not attached to it). I do not really attach much anywhere I go. Anyhow, I already cried the night we evacuated, so I should be all fine. I'll just be super happy when we get back to San Pedro and I can see my Sunday School kids again.

Pray that they remain faithful to the Lord during this time. Andy is feeling very happy to be back there and wishing to have us all there and just stay, so I think that may be the Lord directing him that it is not time to change fields yet--though we'll have to wait and see what happens in the next several months. Please pray for peace and stability to return to Cote d'Ivoire. The work there is just so young and so full of potential, yet still so in need of help. Andy has been able to counsel with one of the men from the church who was having problems. There is another group that he still has to deal with (peacemaking type of help needed) so pray for him to have a lot of wisdom from the Lord. Thanks to all who prayed for him thus far. Keep it up. The kids and I are missing him (I get lonely at night and it makes me really feel sad for women who lose their husbands to either death or divorce) but we are doing OK. I need to be stronger on the discipline side but the kids are trying to be helpful most of the time. It's the end of the school year and they just need to really stick at it and give it 100% till the last bell rings. :)

David won a free dinner at Golden Corall for getting "caught being good." I was so pleased with him. I know that Leah behaves very well at school too (even if she does not get a reward, she keeps trying to be obedient and kind). I'm very very proud of those two kids for handling the evacuation, new school and all the life changes they have faced in the past 6 months. They are all troopers, and the Lord has really blessed me with a wonderful family from the top (Andy) to the bottom (Prisca—for now). I think I felt the new baby move the other day -- not too sure yet. You'd think after 5 kids I'd know, but I always doubt until I'm totally sure it's the baby. :) Anyhow, we're all doing great and the Lord is really helping us a lot during this time. I must thank our church family for their tremendous support. They stick with folks through thick and thin!! Best family of believers I could find anywhere and I'm SO SO SO happy to be a part of it. God is good to give us fellow believers!!

Well, it's late. Everyone is asleep in the house but me and the Lord and I'm fixin' to join the kids in dream land. Thanks for all who have prayed and written to encourage us. It works!!

Lots of Love,
Becky Messer