

The Messer Message

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Hello again. Well, things have settled down for us. My two brothers got most of their work done and are both safe and sound back in the good ol' U.S. of A. My sister, Joan, and I (plus our families) are still here in San Pedro with our co-workers Steve and Gayle King. We are trying to get back to a normal routine—no one that I know of has been able to actually define normal for me yet. I'm sure the dictionary has a good definition, but I'm too lazy to look it up right now. So, whatever it means—we're getting back to it.

We've had a big answer to prayer. There are not one, but two people interested in coming out to help us with home schooling. Since my sister, Joan, has 11 kids in school, we are trying to get both girls to come. One can stay with us and one can stay with her. Of course if only one girl comes—then I get her. J Please pray for these girls to have direction from God and to be able to raise the needed funds to get their tickets. It's a one time deal—they don't need regular support and they will be living with us while they are here. Like room and board in exchange for teaching. I think teachers used to do that a long time ago in America. I've noticed that out here, things are a little bit like they were in the States a few hundred years ago. Not that I was there, but what I see around me makes me think of what I've read. For instance, in our post office, everything is done on paper. No computers. They write down the names and dates and numbers... when you pick up a package and they have these huge books where they keep all the records. UGH. I would not like that job.

Anyhow, thank you for praying for us during the past few weeks. It was chaotic (the packing and sorting) and sad (the saying "Good-bye") but we got through it. Now we are looking forward to VBS at the end of this month. Pray for us to get it all together. Pray for our teachers to be prepared and do a good job with their classes and pray for the kids to listen, understand and grow. Probably some will accept Christ as Savior, but others need to grow spiritually. Our theme this year is: "Put On the Whole Armor of God." Andy is working on the puppet script (he is brilliant with stuff like that—I'm not just biased) and I'm working on the lesson material for the individual classes. We will be running two VBS schedules (morning for kids under 10 and late afternoon for kids over 10). Last year we just had too many kids at once, so we are hoping that this will make it more manageable. I wish I had a bunch of the ladies from Salem out here to bake tons of cookies like they do for Salem's VBS. J Anyhow, y'all pray for us, OK?

Well, I hope you will have a great day. We are enjoying our cooler weather and many of you are enjoying your warmer weather. Rain or sunshine, easy times or hard, the Lord is very faithful and always good. He is ever deserving of our praise! We thank Him for giving us such wonderful e-mail friends who read our letters and pray. We love getting feedback from you all as well. We're so blessed with you as a team of supporters!

Much love in Christ,
Andy and Becky Messer

P.S. Here is a prayer that a friend of mine sent and I was really blessed by it. If you could all pray like this for our people out here I know it would make a difference in their lives.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I cry out to You for the Ivorian people. You can see that some are naive Lord. You can give them your Wisdom and they can grow to be mighty warriors for You. Help them to realize that there is more to it than just being saved from their sins. Help them to realize that You will provide a way of survival for them. Help them to desire the sincere milk of the Word and have the incentive to grow into mature Christians and be a shining example of Your love for all people. Teach them to be independent of other people and to depend on You alone. In Jesus' Precious Name, Amen.