

Mission Letters

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Subject: more family news...

Dear Praying friends,

Thanks, first of all, for all your notes of encouragement, etc., and especially your prayers. I think we are all back where we are supposed to be now, and safely, so that is an answer to prayer.

The saga of Katie's fall continues. Last week I set out with a friend here to find an x ray machine to make sure that Katie's foot was only sprained. We got suggestions on where were good places to go and set out. Of course they were across town from one another, so it was an all day task. The first place we went was actually a hospital. The machine was broken (if I had a dime for every time I've heard those words....) So we set out for the second place, a private clinic closer to down town. Well, it was exactly broken, but was being serviced...come back tomorrow (if I had a dime...) Anyway, we wisely exchanged telephone numbers so we didn't make the trip twice for nothing and did what all women do when they can't achieve their task...we went shopping. Katie got a new puppy too, so it was a good day for her despite the rest. Next day I called and the machine still wasn't working, and so on. Finally yesterday Tim and I took her in. We x-rayed Katie's foot and Tim's finger that he smashed catching a football two months ago (don't get me started on that one). Tim's finger was indeed broken but has healed in a weird sort of claw-like shape. Katie's foot is also broken, so she is now sporting a cool looking ankle cast which will be even cooler when Dad paints it pink for her. Sigh. But we are very thankful it is just a break. Nothing else seems to be out of place, so it's a matter of TIME for healing. The doctor asked her to stay completely off it for 2 days. That about sent my daughter to the edge. TWO WHOLE DAYS!!! I wanted to kiss his feet. Anyway, we're thankful we finally found a machine and that Katie could get the help she needed. Three to four weeks in the cast and she should be doing better.

The boys are doing well. Jonathan is back in Kansas after a great visit with his brother. Tim is back from the Forest. Please keep the church in your prayers. Without going into tons of detail, we are dealing with an issue of infidelity. God has been working through it all but it is a tough situation. We trust that the church will grow through it all, and that our leader will as well. Pray for Andrea and Katie too. Both of their "bestest" friends are going away to school at the end of this week. Too many good byes for my kids!!

In case you're curious, we're in the rainy season now in Guinea. It was a really dry rainy season until August. It hasn't stopped raining now for about a week!! It's nice because it's cooler, but it's also easy for mold and mosquitos to take over!!

Thanks again for your prayers.

Love,

Tim, Beth,
Katie, and Andrea Heiney

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