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A GREAT FALL

Sheldon has been telling people recently that he and Humpty Dumpty both had a great Fall. Spring and Summer weren't bad either. We were back on the road in April after my heart surgery. By the way, thank you so much for all of your prayers during that time. Sheldon healed up quickly and has been feeling good.

The summer was busy like usual with camps and Bible schools. We love sharing Christ with kids and seeing God at work in their lives. As soon as the summer schedule was over we left for the Finish the 50—part A tour. (See next article.)

We were home less than 24 hours before we took off again for another week of meetings. So it has been almost non-stop meetings. UNTIL

Someone must have thought that Sheldon needed a “break” because Oct. 24 he fell and broke his leg. So it really was a great fall. It had been raining and there were lots of leaves on the ground and it was muddy underneath them. He was also on a bit of a hill and before he knew it, his feet went out from under him and he landed on the ground. He heard his leg snap as he hit so he knew right away what had happened.

A quick trip to the ER confirmed what we already knew. He had broken the fibula in his left leg just above the ankle. A couple days later he was in to see the bone Dr. and he said that if Sheldon were younger he would pretty much insist that he have surgery to fix it. However, “at his age”, whatever that means, he thinks it should heal fine on it's own. Sheldon opted NOT to have the surgery after weighing the pros and cons.



He can not put any weight on it so he can only get around on crutches or a kneeling scooter. It sounds like maybe by Christmas, he may be back on two feet. We will have to wait and see how it goes.

So Sheldon started the year off in the hospital and it looks like he will be ending the year with a broken leg. Bummer. However, it is during these times that we really do fully rely on the Lord to meet our needs. It is you folks who believe in our ministry and support us that get us through times like these. Thank you so much for standing by us and believing how critical it is to reach kids with the gospel.



Sheldon and Vicky realized about a year ago that they had almost been to all fifty states conducting meetings. As they looked at a map they saw that there were only six states that they had NOT been in. So in January plans were put in place to “Finish the 50”. It would require two separate tours, one to the New England area; Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine and a second part in the south. Part A was accomplished in September. If you have ever been in that area you know how beautiful it is. However the people are even more beautiful. Each of the churches we were in were very friendly and open to the ministry. We know that there were people who came to the programs that likely heard the gospel for the very first time. What a joy to be able to share with them how much God loves them and made salvation possible through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Finish the 50—part B

The second tour will take us to Mississippi and Louisiana in February 2016. We have churches lined up and we are looking forward to getting to them. When we finish the meetings in Louisiana we will have finished all fifty states. Years ago we had a prayer card that said we were Missionaries to the USA. That has always been our calling and now we will finally be able to say that we have fulfilled that task. That does not mean that we are finished, the plan is to keep sharing Christ as long as we are physically able. We don't see retirement as an option. Being a missionary may not pay much but the retirement really is "out of this World".



Christmas in July

Again this year we had a great group of people show up for our Christmas in July workday. We had the Nativity display up so that those we were here last year when everything was started could see what things looked like after they were finished. This year we are adding three more scenes to the display. The long term goal is to have the entire life of Christ depicted as people drive around the circle drive of the office building.

The store that we have purchased all of the lights for the display was having a sale of 20% off everything in the store. We knew we would be needing a lot more lights for this year as well as the future displays. A message was sent out to those on our "Prayer Group" email list asking people to pick some up at the stores in their area and we would pay for them. Last year we had to go to something like six different cities in order to find enough lights. People responded and we now have enough lights to do the job this year and for the next couple of years. Praise the Lord. The display will be up right after Thanksgiving and will remain up until shortly after the first of the year. Please come by and take a look at it.

Opportunities

- ◆ The funding for the Arabic version of God's Family has been given and we are now waiting for the translation work to be completed so that it can be recorded. Please pray that we can get this accomplished yet this year. We will continue to work on getting the Chinese and German versions done as soon as possible.
- ◆ We did not charge any of the churches on the New England tour anything for mileage, we didn't ask them to provide meals or housing. We just asked that they get as many people there as possible to hear the gospel. Most churches gave us something for being there but the expenses of the trip were far greater than the offerings. That has left us behind as we go into this time of year. We know God will provide.
- ◆ There is still a lot of work that needs to be done on the Christmas display before the snow flies. With Sheldon laid up with his leg it is impossible for him to do most of this. Pray that the Lord will send someone soon to help finish up the electrical, painting and landscaping.
- ◆ There are still a couple open dates for the Finish the 50—part B tour in Febuary. If you know of a church in the areas we will be in, please let them know that we are available. Along with that, pray for hearts to be receptive to God's Word and that the cost of that tour will be covered.

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