



Please pray for **Our Kerr Family**
Your missionaries to Papua New Guinea

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among the people! *Psalm 96:3*

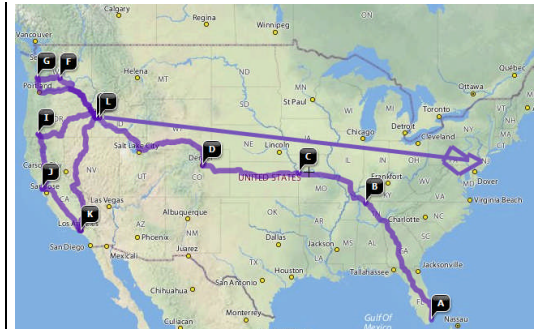
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Seeing God Across the Country!

Do you like the map of where we have been from December to March? I really wanted to visit Maine just to say that we had been to the four corners of the contiguous states! What we have found on our journey is that Christian friends are wonderful people from sea to shining sea! Also, God is still calling His followers to full time mission work, and His people are still listening. We praise God for the many, many people who have blessed our family, and who



continue to faithfully build God's Kingdom here at home while still praying, fasting, giving, and going to places far away. It is exciting to see that God is at work everywhere! *Psalm 139.*

Trying to Keep Up With God!

How is the Nazarene Church doing these days? The General Board has just posted an exciting report from their annual meeting. We praise God that He is at work through many denominations, and that He has also chosen to use our band of believers to further His work around the world!

The Nazarene Church in 2008:

- Entered 4 new world areas.
- 1820 New churches and missions.
- 101,192 new members.
- 260 translated books.
- 364,000 radio broadcasts.
- 728 Work and Witness teams.
- 19,240 Jesus Film presentations.



Responding to God's Call

Please be in prayer for Ryan and Kathy, David, Colleen, Joshua, and Megan, as each has expressed a call from God to become active in World Mission. During this past month there were also several others who expressed a deepening of their commitment to ministry. We praise God that

He has found us useful to convey stories of His glory and an invitation to join the harvest in a more intentional way. None of these people have prayer cards yet, but we pray that in the not so distant future they may be able to visit your church and give you one! ☺ Special thanks goes to the



pastors who have faithfully tilled the soil and watered the life that felt moved when the need was presented!

So, Where Are We and What Are We Doing?

As we got on the plane for our latest deputation tour in Philadelphia the stewardess asked four year old Anna where she was going. She immediately looked at her and said, “Papua New Guinea!” and then headed back towards her seat. The stewardess asked another attendant, “is there a connecting flight there from Philadelphia?” ☺

God has blessed us with two children who enjoy traveling and

are ready to go to PNG! Now the timing is God’s.

Our application for the first visa (Work Visa) took 28 days to get to PNG using “Express Mail.”

It needs to be processed, then approval needs to be sent to us, then we need to buy plane tickets and apply for the second visa (Entry Visa). So, the April 17th date of being in PNG is looking far too optimistic now, and we are guessing late May or early June is

more likely. While this is surprising to us, we know that God has His perfect timing, so we are trying to maximize our effectiveness here while we wait.

Thank you for praying!

www.OurKerrFamily.com
Has more info on where we are and when.

Update on the Car!

God has been very good to us! We were told that the biggest single expenditure that our deputation funds would go toward is a 4WD vehicle. We have been able to purchase a used vehicle from the hospital in PNG for “only” \$17,000 rather than \$45,000 that we were expecting to need. It even comes with a snorkel for crossing deep streams!

We would like to thank those who donated specifically to this project and let you know that we have enough to buy our car. This is great news as that means that anything else in our deputation fund can go towards other ministry-related expenses!

See Next Article!

Here is a picture of our “new” car!



Update on the Bible College!

First, a HUGE praise! It looks like a Greek teacher might be available to come to PNG and teach! As many of you know, I was told that I would be teaching Greek and Hebrew in 2010 – and I have never had either one! Please keep praying for a Hebrew teacher!

We are learning more and more about the Bible College:

1. I will be teaching there.
2. There is a Teacher’s College there that I may become involved with.
3. There seems to be some technology on campus that I will be active with.
4. Missionary housing is pretty good!

Right now there are a group of very handy men that fix all kinds of things around the college. The college is out of money for this “development team,” but here is a list of what the Principal (President) of the school thought is needed:

1. Sidewalks all over campus.
2. Fix the preschool, so kids could attend a healthier place.
3. 10 offices need to be painted and the floors need tiles--right now they are cheap linoleum that tears easily or they are still cement floors.
4. We need a kitchen for the Wokmanmeri program.
5. A driveway.

6. Shelves for our book room—books sit on the floor.
7. Tile & paint for the academic dean’s room.
8. Bulletin boards in offices and classrooms.
9. An office for me!
10. A desk and filing cabinets.
11. Play zone for kids.
12. Faculty laptops.
13. Teaching aids.
14. Books on teaching methods.
15. Mavis Beacon typing DVD or CD.
16. First aid kits.
17. Caps and gowns.
18. Award/honor ropes.

See our website for more! ☺

Rosie's Medical Trip to Nicaragua!

"It's like being on a second honeymoon with God!" This was how I described to my team members the amazing blessings I was experiencing on our medical Work and Witness trip to Jinotega, Nicaragua. Jinotega was the town where my grandparents, Russell and Margaret Birchard, had served as missionaries from 1963-1973 and planted the Nazarene Church there. The trip was organized by Dr. Larry Hull, an orthopedist who worked with my Uncle Carl Birchard in Centralia, WA. The plan was for Uncle Carl and other family members in the medical field to not only see the church that Russell Birchard had started but also his gravesite which is in Jinotega. Unfortunately, Uncle Carl had a ruptured appendix the week before the trip and was unable to go. I was honored to be asked to fill in as the preacher at

my grandfather's church. What a delight when the pastor's family pulled out a big picture of my grandparents and shared stories of the powerful impact they had on the Jinotega community. It also was a great blessing to work alongside my Aunt Rose Carnes who is a nurse and fluent in Spanish. In addition to seeing the gravesite, we also saw the house my grandparents had lived in and met their old neighbors who spoke very highly of them. We worked with excellent Nicaraguan doctors at five different clinic locations including a rugged trip up the mountainside to the Pantasma Nazarene Church where my grandmother had a medical clinic for many years. Together we treated over a thousand patients of all ages, pulled teeth, prayed for people's needs, shared Jesus, and shared wonderful fellowship. God allowed this trip

to take place during our transition from the Caribbean to Papua New Guinea, otherwise it may not have been possible for me to go. I never had a chance to meet my grandfather as I was only 2 years old when he passed away. I am looking forward to spending part of eternity talking to my grandparents about Jinotega and celebrating together God's amazing love and blessings! To learn more about upcoming medical mission trips go to www.ncm.org/min_nhc_mvolunteer.aspx.

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PLEASE READ: PLEASE do not send big attachments like pictures and video to our e-mail address until further notice. We have heard that the satellite connection to the Internet available at the Bible College is 200K download and 64K upload (people with High-Speed DSL have speeds like 1,500K, 4,000K, or even higher). This 200K will be shared with whoever is on the Internet at the Bible College, so speeds there could be even slower than a dial-up connection here in the US! That means your wonderful video clip that you are sending me (along with all of your friends) would take over 5 hours to download for me, and make others angry if they find out I was wasting bandwidth on something like that when they were trying to research something for their term paper! ☺ In fact, I heard that when it rains we are lucky if we get ANY Internet! That might be a great segue into a prayer request from the IT guy that likes intravenous Internet! ☺



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How are the Girls Doing?

Thanks to the generosity and the love of Nazarenes in California and Pennsylvania, our girls now think that every day is their birthday! ☺ They have absolutely loved visiting the churches we have gone to and loved the spoiling they received there! Some of you were praying for Grace's dental work. Thanks, it went really well, though we are having insurance issues now! We are happy she is feeling better though.

Both girls got sick in Pennsylvania, but the families we stayed with were kind and generous, and they bounced back pretty quickly. Both of them miss their Rainbow Academy in Florida terribly, which I think is harder on mom and dad than them!

God has given us wonderful gifts in these two little ones. They are looking forward to the move to Papua New Guinea. Please be in prayer for good friends there, a good

church to join, their preschool and first grade arrangements, and some grandparent types!



Interesting God Things!

“Go in the strength that you have...and God will be with you!” That has been the theme of our deputation speech, and God has been showing up. Rosie was feeling like she really needed to brush up on some skills (X-ray, ultrasound, minor surgery, etc.). She mentioned this in church and a doctor from St. Luke's Hospital near Pennsylvania offered to give her an intensive ultrasound course that he normally teaches to residents. Then she got to hang out in the ER that afternoon to practice on people! This was an amazing experience, and a direct answer to prayer! God is good!

Dave has been



interested to discover how God would show up with this new imperative to teach Greek and Hebrew at the Bible College since he has never had either one! It looks like there are a couple of Greek teachers that might be interested in taking this challenge! Praise God! Keep praying about the Hebrew! ☺

In addition to the normal teaching duties at the Bible College, Dave has also been asked to develop the computer and network systems at the college. At a work day with one of the churches Dave was assigned to the group with the IT Coordinator for Northwest Nazarene University, and then at lunch sat next to the former Chair of the Computer Department there. Both seemed very eager to assist in the area of

technology! God is so interesting!!

Twice at one church Dave was told that he



should go meet the people at Mission Aviation Fellowship in Nampa, Idaho. He felt that perhaps he should at least call and so he left a message. When the director of Learning Technologies listened to the message on her answering machine she had just left a meeting where they were introduced to some needs on the island of New Guinea and wondering how to address them! She called her director in and they listened to my message together, and that led to a very interesting meeting. We do not know where this will go, but it seems like an exciting opportunity to partner with MAF through technology!