



The Mustard Seed – Christmas 2008

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Dear Friends and Family:

We thank God for all His blessings! Our family has grown in so many ways over the past months! God is good, and His love endures forever!



Enjoying One of the Great Sights of Canada!

Looking back...

The summer months were filled with kilometres of highway, wonderful meals with family and friends, and conversations that led to meaningful relationship development. Home assignment travel can be tiring, but our time together with our supportive family and friends has far outweighed the costs. Thank you to all who hosted us, fed us, and shared your lives with us.

Ministry and Personal Development

I travelled to Spain, October 02-20, participating in the Annual Spain Team Fall Retreat, working through the annual team evaluations, and reconnecting with team-mates, ministry partners, and friends.

A highlight for me in November was the Core Coaching Skills course (by Creative Results Management). This indispensable training equipped me to improve in developing others – vital in living out World Team's value of Training and Releasing Leaders. Course follow-up and the implementation of this skill are significant parts in my new schedule.

Karen also attended a conference in Toronto this past week, preparing her to administer and interpret the MBTI (Meyers Briggs Type Indicator) personality test. This provides a vital service for the World Team Europe group. Over the next months Karen desires to apply this new skill to benefit people right here in Ontario.

Looking Ahead

One of the developmental areas we continue to pursue focuses on our spiritual development. World Harvest Mission has a great course, Sonship, which we work through by phone with a mentor. Growing to understand all that we have in Christ, and the ongoing need to

recognize and discard sin patterns in our lives gives us a sense of greater joy, increased gratefulness and a healthy perspective on service for Christ. The conversations can be difficult, as they probe and challenge.

Funds

In the following months, we will be contacting a number of individuals and churches in order to bolster our financial support account. This summer's travels, along with some of the training opportunities have depleted our ministry funds which must be replaced because of our return to Spain and the need purchase a vehicle upon arrival in Spain in August. You might want to consider supporting our ministry each month or contribute with a one-time gift at this time.

Please Pray for us!

Jacob & Karen

- Application of new skills
- Financial Support – we continue to work towards building our support account to 100%. We will be contacting individuals and churches in the next months

Spain Team

- New Team-mates, Mike and Daniela Riley, need to raise funds
- New Team-mate! Kristin Bond, of Baltimore, MD, has joined our team! Pray for her as she prepares: language studies, training, and raising financial support
- New church plant initiative in Guijuelo – Please continue to pray as this church group takes shape

Thanks so much!

Thanks to all who have supported us and prayed for us over this past year. We are humbled when we consider how God so graciously provides for all of our needs. He is good, and His love endures forever!

Sincerely,

Jacob (for all of us)

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