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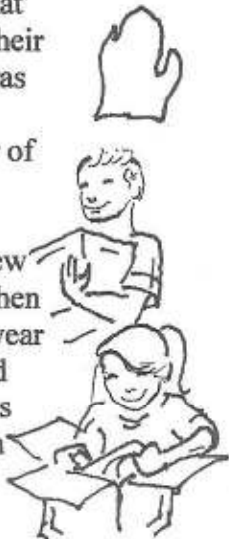
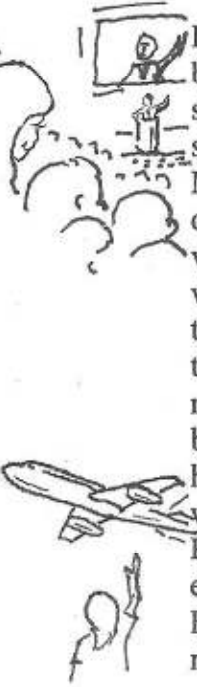
It's always hard to believe when another month has passed and it's time to send an update!! Usually that means that we're filling our time which is a good thing!!

I've been moving around a lot in the last few months. Tim mentioned last month that I had been to the US and was doing some speaking. The trip went really well. I was able to first spend time with our children which is always a highlight for me! Andrea had come home this summer to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. This was the first time that MKs (missionary kids) from all over the world were given the opportunity as a group on their own to come back for this event. According to Andrea it was an incredible time and she was very grateful to be given that opportunity! She then flew up to Kansas to spend some time with Katie and Jonathan, so Joel made his way down from Michigan, and I joined the four of them a week later. It was so good to spend time catching up. We always spend our time together reminiscing of life and growing up on the mission field. We have lots of great memories and can often look back and smile at even the not so great ones! Andrea then flew back to Dakar (my baby flies all over the world now!!!) in mid August to begin school. I then headed up to Michigan with Joel to help him relocate into an apartment he is sharing this year with two other guys. Joel's pharmacy program requires him to spend this year at the Grand Rapids campus, an hour north of our house. This wouldn't have been so bad except that his experiential time, where he has to spend a day each week in an actual pharmacy, is back in Big Rapids where our house is!! So he's on the road a lot. But we were able to get him all moved in and settled before I headed back to Kansas to begin my church visits.

I know I always gush when I talk about visiting our supporting churches. For some it may seem like a drag to be moving around and speaking about the same thing all the time, and it can get tiring for sure. But for those of us in a situation where we do not get to fellowship a lot with others or attend worship in our mother language this can be a wonderful time of "soaking up" that fellowship we so miss.

One of the big messages I had for our churches this time was an explanation of the new way of funding that we have been moved to. New missionaries coming in are already on this system and now some of us "oldies" are going the same route. We are now Network Supported Missionaries (NSM). As with so many things, giving to missions has been dropping. Times are difficult. In order to help us to be able to stay on the field we are depending now on support from congregations and individuals as opposed to being included in the budget of LCMS World Mission. In layman's terms, missionaries must now raise their support in order to be able to serve overseas.

Support comes to a missionary in one of three ways. Of course anyone can send a one time donation to World Mission, earmarked for our support. The second way is for a congregation to commit to yearly support of an amount they designate. This is done through the TIM (Together in Mission) program. Finally, there is a fairly new program in place that allows individuals or families to commit to a monthly donation. This is done through "Mission Senders". Mission Senders allows anyone who feels led to commit to giving a certain amount



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designated by you to supporting us on the field. You can find information on both TIM and Mission Senders on the website: www.lcmsworldmission.org.

Tim updated in the last letter about his new responsibilities as Area Facilitator. One of the highlights of this past month was a visit to South Africa where Tim attended his first meeting together with the other Area Facilitator in Africa. It was his "official" beginning in this new job so from here on he will be responsible for visiting and encouraging our partner churches in the French speaking countries of West Africa as a representative for LCMS World Mission. I also traveled with him in my role as Project Coordinator for Africa. The meetings were good and we got a lot done. We also enjoyed seeing this new (for us!) part of Africa. Very different from West Africa!!




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A bit about projects as well. Again, funding is down in all areas and so we are also having to cut back on what we can and can't do in the area of projects among our partner churches. But we also don't want to limit what can be done if the opportunity arises! So while we do have projects that are funded through the budget each year we also have set up projects that are available to be done should someone decide to fund them. These are referred to as "Revenue Dependent" projects and will only be done as people generously give to get it done. While it is a bit sad that we have to go this route, I like to think positively about it. There are plenty of ways to support God's work overseas and we will do all we can to provide you with the opportunity!! Our partner churches will let us know where their needs lie. If those projects are accepted then we begin looking for people to fund them. When they are funded we can make it happen out here. If you're interested in learning more, please let me know.



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Prayers have been desired greatly this past month for the elections that have been trying to take place here for some months. We now have two candidates from two different tribal groups that each very much want to govern. So tensions have built and there have been some skirmishes around the country. Election dates continue to change and people are becoming discontent. Please continue to pray over the matter. I've given up giving dates as they change so often, so please just pray that there will be peace and that things will be done fairly with a good outcome! Pray for us and all missionaries working here as well as church members and leaders during this stressful time. Satan would seek to close the doors permanently in this place where God's Word is going out so strongly! Bible translations are being done, churches are being formed, many formerly destined to hell are going to spend eternity with Christ. We need your prayers against these powers of darkness on all levels!!! Thank you, as always, for your partnership with us in this work.



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