

Coxes New Beginnings in Seminary

Much has changed since our last newsletter. It is hard to know where to start to bring everything together without writing a book (which we do not have the time to write and most of you do not have the time to read.) On the back is a time line; this will help put the major events in our lives since the last newsletter in perspective.

From our last Newsletter, you will remember that we left Swaziland mid October 2001. From mid October through December we visited supporters, reconnected with family and rested. In January, we started seminary at Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) with the goal of receiving further training to return to Africa. In addition, both of our fathers have had major heart surgery. Currently, both are doing well.

Readjusting to life in America has been difficult for Donna and Paul. For Nehemiah, Micah Joy and Miriam they have had to adjust to America for the first time. As you remember, Nehemiah was 3 and Micah Joy was 9 months when we went to Africa. Obviously, Micah Joy does not remember living in America. Nehemiah has only faint memories of friends, but no real memory of life in America; learning about wearing shoes at school, Wal-Mart, finding new friends, learning about

baseball and football (Nehemiah was into cricket and soccer), etc.... Add to the above that life in Dallas is very different from life in New Mexico. This is the first time in Paul's life (other than a short 3 month stay in Phoenix) that he has lived away from mountains (Swaziland is a very mountainous country). Can one have withdrawals from mountains?

The hope of the gospel has remained unchanged the last 2000 years. The only question of our day and age is how to communicate this hope so that the modern day culture understands.

DTS has been about what was expected with one exception – the amount of reading. Paul has read more in the last three months than he did in the last three years. This summer Paul will be taking his first and second semesters of Greek. Last semester, he took (and passed) Bible Study Methods and Hermeneutics, Old Testament History I (Geneses through Judges), Introduction to Theology and Educational Process of the Church. Whenever school and life get difficult, we remind ourselves that our goal

is to become better equipped to communicate the hope and love of God in whatever culture we find ourselves (Lord willing, an African culture once seminary is complete).

Paul is working part-time at United Parcel Service (UPS). UPS was not the first choice of places to work, however, the part-time benefits are great (full health insurance and \$3000/per year tuition reimbursement); plus the privilege of moving lots boxes.

As always, God has proven faithful to meet our needs during this time of transition. God next to miraculously provided a minivan for our family and we are renting a modest home East of Dallas in a great school district. Thank you to all of you who have prayed for, cried with and supported us. For those who would like the opportunity to give to us during seminary, you may do so through New Covenant Church (NCC). Checks should be made out to NCC, with no mention of our name on the check. The check should then be placed in an envelope on which is written "for Paul and Donna Cox" and mailed to NCC. The address is: New Covenant Church; 7201 Paseo del Norte; Albuquerque, NM 87113. If you have any questions about this please contact us.



Micah Joy, Miriam and Nehemiah

Change Your Address Books
New Address...New Email...New Phone
Same Loveable Family...



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Praise

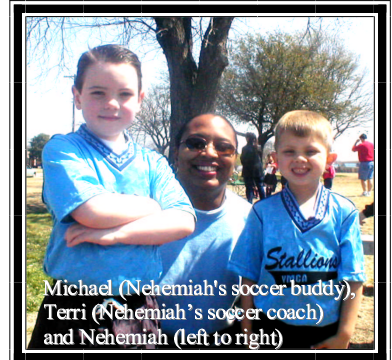
The sale of condominium in Albuquerque
Safety in traveling
God's provision: car, home, moving expenses
Passing first semester courses

Prayer

New church home
Balancing family, work, school and life
Continued adjustment to life in USA
New friends in Dallas (for both us and our kids)

See Side 2 for Timeline

Start School at
 DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



Michael (Nehemiah's soccer buddy),
 Terri (Nehemiah's soccer coach)
 and Nehemiah (left to right)

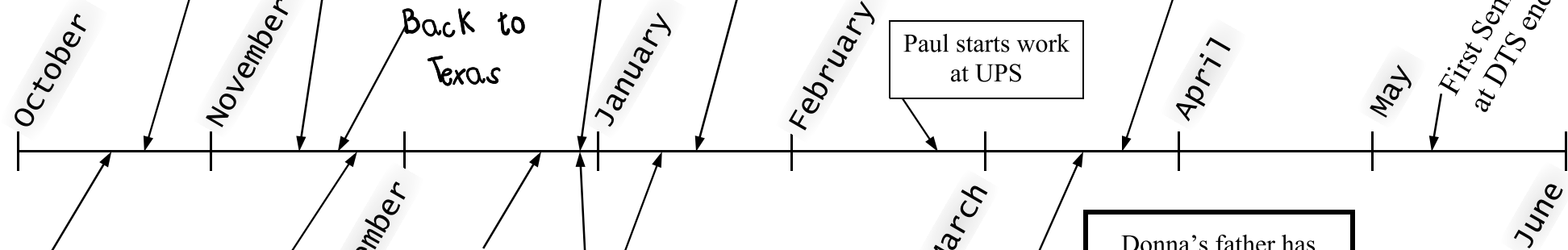


Micah Joy's
 3rd Birthday

Couple of days
 in Dallas then to
 New Mexico

Paul flies to Albuquerque
 a second time due to his
 father's health

Nehemiah's
 World Cup Start



Arrived Back
 in the USA

October

November

December

Back to
 Texas

January

February

Paul starts work
 at UPS

March

April

May

First Semester
 at DTS ends

June

Back to
 NM
 For Christmas

Paul's father has heart
 problems. Paul flies to
 Albuquerque for the
 weekend

Miriam's
 2nd Birthday

Donna's father has
 open heart surgery

Thanksgiving at Mineral
 Wells, Texas with famly
 and friends

Pack up all our earthly possessions, drive to
 Texas, unpack all our earthly possessions.



Both our
 father's health
 is good, how-
 ever they just
 have to
 remember we
 do not get any
 younger in this
 life.