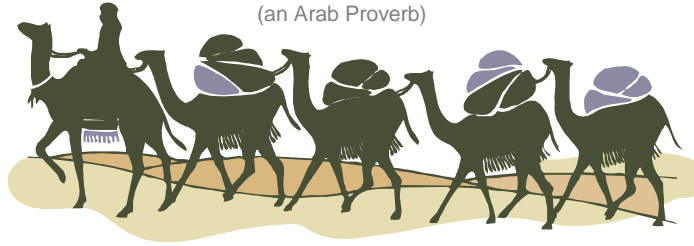


WHAT IS THE GREATEST CRIME IN THE DESERT?
FINDING WATER . . . AND KEEPING SILENT!
(an Arab Proverb)



Emmanuel – God with us! How CAN we keep silent?

Christmas update

Family

Rick has finished his radiation treatments, and the Radiologist was “very pleased” with the results – many thanks to all who prayed. He was sent home to regain his strength and get back to the job of living. We are anticipating no further treatments at this time. Both of Rick’s parents are doing as well as can be expected in their mid 90’s – a little unsteady and a little forgetful, but getting along pretty well with a little assistance.

One Another Ministries

Having just completed our board meeting in California, we all came away with the feeling that we had covered a lot of ground, particularly in the area of guiding the ministry into the future. To that end Rick is spearheading a program that we are calling ***On The Way***. Over the years we have learned that many short-term missionaries are arriving on the field without the tools and skills necessary for a successful mission experience. We intend to offer short-term intensive, field-based training in spiritual and personal development, interpersonal relationships, and cross-cultural adaptation to meet this need.

Kenya

In November, another medical team traveled from here to Kenya providing medical care for chronically ill and handicapped children. Irene was not able to travel with the team this time, but assisted with training and logistics on this end. In two weeks they were able to treat between 3,500-4,000 patients, and the really exciting part was to learn that our local Pastor, Dr. Jeff McCrory, preached at a church in one locale that was bursting at the seams after 1 short year of existence. This is the true fruit of our partnership in Kenya!

With the current economic situation, we are all the more aware of the sacrifice that your support represents, and that it is our privilege to join the God of the universe in the project that is closest to His heart. Thank you for partnering together with us in this undertaking of eternal importance. We are so grateful to be able to join hands with you and with all who labor in prayer, sacrifice their resources, and give their lives to sharing God’s love with their neighbors.

In Christ,

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