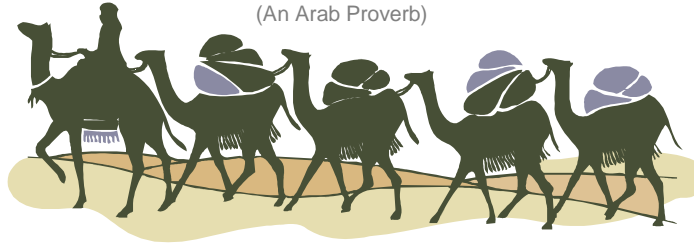


WHAT IS THE GREATEST CRIME IN THE DESERT?  
FINDING WATER . . . AND KEEPING SILENT!  
(An Arab Proverb)



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Many thanks for all who have prayed us through the past 12 months. It's been interesting! And as for progress, all in all, I think I am about as good as I'm going to get. This is to say without the endurance that I once had, but otherwise able to do most everything only at a somewhat slower pace.

I am finished with treatment by mutual agreement between my oncologist and me. I think the pulmonary embolism that I got from the PIC line during chemotherapy kind of settled things in his mind as well as mine.

I am managing a full day's work in the office, which, mercifully, is in our home. Also looking forward to beginning to travel once again, with meetings scheduled in September, December, and January.

My parents are also in pretty good shape considering their ages: Mom is 93 and Dad will turn 96 in a couple of weeks (and still drives!). Dad is currently going through radiation for skin cancer, and Mom seems upset that she cannot seem to get her legs strong enough to dance again! Her dementia continues, of course, but not as bad as before her meds were adjusted. She knows us all and remembers stuff we have all forgotten years ago - of course her short term memory remains limited.

Irene continues to work in an adult day care center (Director of Nursing) to help us survive in the Orange County, CA economy - not possible on my missionary salary which is less than our rent! As an "on-loan" missionary from SIM to One Another Ministries International, I am providing the mission with some U.S Admin services, while helping the Ministry develop its newest formal component – ***On The Way*** – An intensive missionary training program/seminar designed primarily for short term missionaries on their way to their assignments. We plan to offer our first formal seminar in England in the spring of 2010. Our counselors have addressed this problem after the fact for years and were occasionally able to do so as a preventative measure as well. It is our belief and hope that we will now be able to offer this service to more short-term missionaries, believing that prevention is better than cure. We appreciate your prayers for this and all of our activity directed toward *Caring For Those Who Care For The World*

*In Christ,*

*Rick and Irene*