

Dear All,

I'm sure many of you are wondering if we dropped off the face of the earth or what. Things have been so hectic for us it's been hard to keep up. I'll try to summarize real quick:

Andrea and I attended Jonathan's graduation on the 20th of May in Kansas City. It was pretty great. The trip was good but quick!! Tim's folks came down from Michigan with Joel. We missed having Katie and Tim there. Andrea went back to Michigan with her grandparents and would stay until I returned the next month. From Kansas City I headed to Kenya for our regional business administrator's meeting. It was COLD, or at least felt like it. But we had a great time, got a lot done and still had time to see a couple of animals. After almost a week there I returned to Guinea and was totally alone in the house for about 3 days until Katie returned from Dakar Academy. Tim had left already for the Forest to work with the church, help them get ready to close this fiscal year and start a new one, and prepare for the time he'll be gone. I about went nuts there all by myself. Got a lot done, but it was me and 4 cats, so they got an earful.

Katie came home several days later and then a few days after that the two of us left for the US. This time we headed to Minnesota where I attended a meeting of the Volunteer Coordinators from all over the world. We were right next door to the Mall of America and Katie and I were both in culture shock. But we had a good time visiting. The meetings went really well and I learned a lot. When that was over we flew to Michigan. By that time I have no idea how many time zones I had crossed in the past month but my body seemed to be saying it was one too many. I crashed for a few days and then set to work settling us all in, catching up on work and reports that needed to be done, and figuring out what I needed do to convert the house from "guy dorm" mode back to "family mode". It looked pretty good, but there is normal wear and tear that I think I'll leave for Tim.

Poor Tim has been alone for over a month. (I think he said that by the time he gets here we'll have been apart for 49 days!) He did get a lot accomplished in the Forest and is in Conakry now getting things shut down at the house and ready to go with the churches there while we're gone. He will arrive on the 3rd of July and we will head to Houston, Texas for the All Missionary Ablaze Summit (thankfully I don't think we cross many time zones!!) We're all very anxious to have him back with us.

Thanks for all your prayers for travel, etc. Things have gone remarkably well except for the one incident when Andrea and I arrived in Atlanta and found out that we were on two different flights to Kansas City. All flights were booked solid and I was preparing my brave little 13 year old, whose face had gone sheet white at that announcement, for a possible flight alone. But when the airline rep found out she was only 13 she overbooked another flight for us and got us on together.

Contact update: We will have our same email addresses but please note our mailing address:

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Please continue to pray for all the traveling coming up. The kids and I will leave tonight and drive to Kansas to visit with Jonathan and be with him for his birthday on the 30th. We'll go and get things figured out with his school for next year as well. As I mentioned, Tim will fly home the 2nd and 3rd and then we'll leave again on the 7th for Texas. Pray too for our teammates who will also be returning for the Summit as will all our missionaries around the world. And pray for the church during our absence.

Blessings,

Tim, Beth, Joel, Jonathan,
Katie and Andrea Heiney