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"Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters...'Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert'." Isaiah 43:16-19

Dear Family and Friends!

It's been a month since our last email update and we have lots to share with you. In the meantime you should have received a printed letter in the mail from us giving some of the details of our upcoming trip and a little more background of our calling.

PRAISE REPORTS:

1. Jeffrey's father's eye: In our previous newsletter, we had asked you to pray about Jeffrey's Dad's eye, as he had just undergone emergency surgery for an injury. We praise Jesus that the surgery went well, and his recovery has been very quick! Within 24 hours of the surgery, the Dr. told him that he could already see better than many people ever do with similar injuries! We are trusting God for complete healing.

2. Labor Day trip: We had a wonderful family getaway to Glenwood Springs; a much needed break from our daily routine. We also learned a valuable lesson: when you don't have something you need, you can just "make do!" That became a theme for us during the weekend, with Joshua reminding <u>us</u> as often as we reminded him! We know that God will bring that phrase to mind when we are in Africa and bring smiles to our faces!

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Documents: We have various documents related to our visas and potential adoption being processed around the country. We need these items to be processed speedily and returned to us quickly so there is no delay in our trip. Also, please pray for favor from the Embassies of Burkina Faso and Mali so that we will be granted 5-year visas instead of just a few months. The cost is the same, so we hope that we can get the longer visas in case we visit these countries again (i.e. we will not have to re-apply.)

UPDATES:

God continues to give us confirmations and amazing only-God-could-do-that connections! We stand firm, knowing that he has very special plans for all 3 of us in Africa. Recently, we've been learning about the Orphan Spirit (which can apply to people even if they have parents) and we are seeing new ways that God may want to use us to bring spiritual healing and wholeness to those we meet. Since we are less than 3 weeks away from our departure date, we will probably only send out one more update to you after this one before we leave.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Final trip planning: At this stage, we are making final in-country arrangements for our trip and would appreciate prayers for <u>wisdom</u>, especially for how long to stay at the various places that we will visit.

2. Packing. Please pray that we don't forget anything essential (especially of Joshua's!) and that all of our luggage will arrive safely and on time.

3. Physical & Spiritual Protection: Busyness about this trip can easily distract us from what is most important. Please pray that we remain focused on Jesus.

4. Spiritual Growth: We want to learn all that we can so that we can be the people that God wants us to be when we arrive. Pray that we will be ready to be used by Him even before we depart!

As always, thank you for partnering with us through prayer, Jeffrey & Kristine Moore