

Then I said,
"Here I am,
I have
come....I de-
sire to do
your will, O
my God;
your law is
within my
heart."

Psalm 40:7,8

September 2008

THE FLIP SIDE...

There's a flip side to a coin, a situation and even an idea....Lately, I have been pondering the flip side to the planet.

Here on the flip side, the speed limit signs are black and white and rectangular instead of round and red, white and black. Here on the flip side there are big blue MAIL boxes and there--small red POST boxes. Here we drive on the same side of the street--but the rules of the road and the roads themselves are quite different. Here we eat potatoes and there....LOTS of potatoes! Is it better on one side than another? There might be room for debate on such a question. On one hand, there are good things on

both sides....culturally and spiritually speaking. On the other hand, there are undesirable traits about both sides culturally and spiritually speaking. Am I to choose one over another? Where does my heart really reside? A large part of me has always lived on this side of the planet. So, I always thought that this would be HOME. After four years on the other side, I am beginning to see that the other side is not home, nor is it home here. Truly this must be what Paul meant when he said that our home is with the Lord (II Corinthians 5:8). Heaven is home.... Truly, no matter where I am, if I am in the presence of the Living God--then I am at home--waiting with hope for my eternal home with Him.

So, what is life like here on the flip side? It's difficult to say just yet as we've only been standing this direction for just about a month. I will say that the move itself was one of the most intense and exhausting experiences of my life. I thought moving to Poland in 5 months was a whirlwind. Tucker and I have agreed that moving from Poland in 6 weeks far surpassed the other experience. I declared to him at the beginning of August that I knew what I would be doing during the month of September--and I have stayed true to that....I have been sleeping a great deal. In between unpacking, sorting, washing clothes that have been sitting for 4 years and finding our former furnishings and settling, I have been sleeping. I can say that our dear baby is growing and I need the extra sleep; however, I think just like little Ansel, I've been sleep

deprived and needing to catch up. God and my dear family have been gracious to me for my extra need of sleep.

We are facing a new experience of transition. A time of "reverse culture shock" that we hear peaks after about 6 months on this side. All the old is new again and everything we had begun to understand on the other side is still there at the forefront. We're also exploring options of part time income and Tucker is applying for schooling. Thank you for praying and giving to us. We are humbled by the way that God has used you in our lives over the past four years. We are looking forward to what is next on the horizon. We truly believe that He has fashioned us for His work. We don't know what or where that is, but we are open to wherever he leads us...be it Africa, Asia, South America or Europe again. If He sees fit to plant us here in North America, we'll praise Him still!

If, during this time of transition, you desire to support us financially, please know that you can give to our account at ITMI until the end of this year.



Blessed...



Saying Good-bye is hard to do...

As an entire family, we've been so blessed by the physical help and prayers of friends who are family and family who are friends on both sides of the planet during this move. We know God has and will bless you richly.

Our beauties...

We were really blessed by our girls' willingness to purge, pack and help with everything involved with the move. They sacrificed their earthly possessions for the better things. Ansel at just two had difficulty in letting go. He panicked when he realized his changing table was gone or he and his mama's favorite chair was sold and taken away. He desperately lacked enough sleep during those moving weeks and by God's grace alone, we all made it to Arizona in one piece. Thank you for continuing to pray for them as they adjust to a new locale and way of life. Our youngest beauty is still growing fine in secret. Pray for the older ones as they anticipate the new baby in December or January and the excitement and changes that will no doubt be a part of that.



Lots of work to be done...

PRAYER POINTS

MOVING

Praise God we made it! There is still much adjusting to do. Pray for physical, emotional & spiritual strength.

LOVING

Stressful times like these leave us all short on patience and love. Please pray for us to exhibit these fruits of the Spirit within our family.

TEACHING

For Tucker to follow God's leading as it pertains to sharing his knowledge and gaining new knowledge and understanding of the Word of God.

ORGANIZING

Our new living space requires ultimate organization!

ENCOURAGING

Please pray that we will follow God's leading in making new friends and encouraging others.

TEACHING

For the Mama teacher who is exhausted

LEARNING

For these smart kids! who are learning through life's amazing experiences right now!

GROWING

physical & spiritual growth

PRAYING

for our prayer life to explode!

EVANGELIZING

for our boldness

LIVING

healthy & full of strength & for the newest little Boone to develop healthy and strong and to grow up passionate about Christ.



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