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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

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MINISTRY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Fondly, I recall memories from my childhood when my Great Aunt Mary would come home to Arizona. It was a big word and all I knew, is the back bedroom at my Nana & Grampa's house, the room with the big comfy bed, was reserved especially for her when she arrived on that big word. She would be around for just a while....and then she'd be gone again to somewhere called India. I knew that Indians lived nearby me, but I learned that she lived near "Indian Indians." There was a difference. The Indian Indians made neat elephants with shiny jewels and pieces of mirrors. Also, they were responsible for the shiny golden candy dishes in her set of treasures. When I was only 9, she

loaned me something called a "sorry." (Which I later learned was really a Saree!) It was woven from elegant yellow silken fabric. (I wore it when I was "Queen Esther" in my class play and was so proud that it belonged to my Aunt Mary.) I also remember my Nana (Aunt Mary's twin sister, Martha) writing long letters on tissue thin blue paper. I came to understand that it was so thin because of the cost of airmailing; but cost aside, I dreamed of having some stationery like that!

A few things are different now. Furlough is that big word that's now commonly referred to as "home assignment" and letters--blue paper or not, are pretty much a thing of the past. E-mail is most typical. There are still occasional birthday cards and postcards, but normally, there's only junk and bills in our post box.

The media of ministry can also differ. My Aunt Mary was a nurse and taught Indians to nurse their countrymen with specific tools. We spend our days (and sometimes nights) on this modern household appliance commonly known as a "notebook computer." Tucker has become "mr. sound techie" working on recording sermons and editing and creating [podcasts](#) to broadcast on the web. He's also been working with things like operating systems,

boot disks and wireless cards for the library project. His next focus is to find a recording system that the church can utilize without needing our computer there on a weekly basis and implementing that system while training others to use it. Tucker also utilizes Bible study tools on the internet to prepare for our small group discussions, Bible study and the occasions when he's able to preach.

I spend my time keeping up with correspondence, financial reports, updating our [family website](#), creating [multimedia slideshows](#), and designing other publications--currently, a concert poster for a visiting British artist, [Pete McAllen](#), who will be in Poland for three weeks on a tour. I also use this contraption to play Bible study materials from DVD and chat via [skype](#) with friends here and abroad.

Because we both use this computer so often, we've had to learn how to "share nicely" in our adulthood. We're so blessed with what we have and what it can help us do that we must keep at the *forefront of our minds that it is God we serve* and not this electronic device or even the people around us. **That is the most vital part of ministry that should remain unchanged through the centuries! Our ministry is a gift from God and partners like you enable us to be here. Thank you.**

Some Cute Kids....



Ansel's new nightly routine is to tuck his sisters in. He enjoys tucking himself under their covers for a little while and gives great kisses (and even tickles)!

PRAYER POINTS

STUDYING

Meredith starts new Ladies Bible studies in August and October

RECORDING

Tucker is recording & editing Sunday services and seminars

CREATING

Meredith is designing various publications and multimedia slideshows for PIC

TEACHING

Tucker cherishes the opportunities He has to open the Word.

ORGANIZING

A joint effort to get the PIC library fully & easily functional

ENCOURAGING

Hosting various events to encourage deeper fellowship and unity

TEACHING

For the Mama teacher

LEARNING

For these smart kids!

GROWING

physical & spiritual growth

PRAYING

for our prayer life to explode!

EVANGELIZING

for our boldness

LIVING

healthy & full of strength

Our beauties...

There have been so many events the past few months! Our sweet beauties have flexed in ways that God only could allow. We've hosted some large events including a Valentine dinner, Resurrection Sunday luncheon and in Independence Day BBQ. Our home seems to have people coming and going often. Some are staying overnight and some just a few hours, but our little ones are learning early about hospitality and what it means to get ready at a moment's notice for something else! Two of their favorite overnight guests this Spring/Summer have been their NanaSue (T's mom) and [Pete McAllen](#) who will be back in August.

Recently, we were able to drive a few hours and meet up with some dear friends from our [church in Tempe](#). They are missionaries in Germany, but were on a mission trip to Poland and we both had a free day.



We're enjoying being online....Our girls even have their own pages on our family website that they are working on creating themselves! Peek at them [here!](#) Finally, Meredith has a medium to write and she's loving it when she finds the time. Check out our [musings](#). You can also see a listing and listen to the [podcasts](#) Tucker is mastering.

we looooooove mail!!

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See if you know the two families represented in this picture!



We were blessed to spend it together, catching up and watching our children play.

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