

Warn Ink! The Newsletter of Steve and Dianne Warn

Faith, Hope and Love!

“This world is not our home, we are just passing through.”

If you look closely, it's possible to find in Hebrews 11,12 and 13 a bit of the truth of 1 Corinthians 13:13. Chapter 11 is focused on faith; chapter 12 is focused on Hope and chapter 13 is focused on Love. “Thus, we have faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love”, 1 Corinthians 13:13. To verify what I've just written you'll have to read those chapters to see if what I've suggested is so. We should all be a bit like the Bereans of Acts 17:11 who received the word from Paul , “with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily to see whether those things were so”.

We arrived in the states safely and are moving forward as aliens. There is something about 20 hours on an airplane and coming from “another world” that makes you feel like an alien. But actually we are all aliens. This world is not our home we are just passing through. “All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth,” Hebrews 11:13.

It was a bit hard leaving Africa and the ministry there even though it's only for a short season because many exciting things are going on.

One that I'd like to mention is the focus on helping the Agape boys and girls read better. I was one of those developmentally delayed fellows growing up. I had to take remedial reading in grammar school, Junior High, High school, Junior College and even in Bible school, all this to say, now I enjoy reading. Do you?

James Gray, a Bible teacher from days gone by, loved to say; “read the Bible continuously, repeatedly, independently, and prayerfully.” He also claimed that as the body needs food, air and exercise so the soul finds the parallel in reading the word (food) prayer (air), obedience (exercise). Pray with us that the children at Agape become good readers and doers of the word of God.



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*1 Corinthians
13:13*

We are enjoying our few days with our only grand daughter. Dianne just picked up some children's books and has begun to read to Raquel. We are also filling her with songs like "Jesus Loves Me" and Bible promises.

One last thought before Dianne adds her comments. Over the years I've enjoyed the old classic by Daniel Defoe, Robinson Crusoe. I've always loved the part when he found the old sea chest and opening the Bible within, his eyes fell on the verse, "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you and you shall glorify me." Psalm 50:15. I've found this to be a powerful story for our boys at Agape. I'm now reading through the second work entitled, *The Further Adventures of Robinson Crusoe*. It relates how on his return to the island area to share more clearly the good news and establish a colony, they were able along the way to rescue ship wrecked sailors at sea. Pray with us that we will have many opportunities to share the gospel with ship wrecked mariner's as we are on our road trip. Romans 1:16.

Steve



THE SURE MERCIES

I'm often asked, "What is the hardest thing for you living in Africa?" My immediate response is being away from family.

This isn't unique with me and doesn't pertain just to missionaries! It can be any of us who live separated from love ones. Even the disciples struggled with this ... I love the way Jesus understands our humanness: He said, "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life." Matthew 19:29.

God is so good! I just want to testify of His steadfast love and His mercy. You grandmas will appreciate this: our only grandchild is 20 months old; apart from a brief time last year we have not been with her. In our first moments with her she went right to me, a few days later after being separated for only a night she hugged my neck and would not let go for the longest time. Tears welled up in my eyes as I felt the genuine bond between us that only God can give!

This is just one of the MANY MERCIES He has shown us already in this trip to the U.S. I am so grateful! Psalm 59:9, "O, my Strength, I will watch for You, for You, O God, are my fortress. My God in his steadfast love will meet me..."

Another mercy is His provision of a car! We put the request out there for a dependable vehicle for our cross country road trip and it was answered!

By the time you get this we will be on our way to Chicago stopping in to see some of you. We hope to reach Chicago by August 10th since the wedding is the 18th. Our schedule is still open if any would like to see us. You can reach us by email or phone: warnink@gmail.com or 209-622-3016.

Psalm 62:5, "Our expectation is from Him..." We are looking forward to seeing all that He will do.

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