

Every few weeks Michelle writes an up-date and sends it out via email. I've included her thoughts in this month's Prayer Letter because it normally only goes to a limited group. If you want to receive this twice monthly up-date just send her an email requesting to be put on her distribution list.
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MICHELLE'S THOUGHTS

Psalms 23 The Message

God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. You have bedded me down in lush meadows; you find me quiet pools to drink from. True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

As I reflect on the past year, these words express so well all God has done for Jeff and me. When I think back to our brokenness at this time last year and the restoration of our lives, I have to thank God. We could not have done it by ourselves. He used so many people to contribute to the healing of our body, mind and spirit. We thank God for each person who gave of themselves to help us. Using you, He helped us catch our breath and set our course in the right direction.

Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

I think of Death Valley in reflecting on my mother's journey. He taught me not to fear as we walked with her through that Valley because truly He was walking with us there. I'll never view death the same after those precious weeks with Mom, Dad, my sisters, brother and nieces as we witnessed the comfort of the Spirit of the Living God in our midst. I'll always remember Mom's daily expression of peace and anticipation. She would say each morning, "I'm just waiting. Just hours before she stepped through the open door to meet her Lord, when words were extremely hard for her, when asked what are you waiting for, she replied simply, "Christmas." Her Christmas came early this year!

You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

I believe through this past year there was a roaring lion lurking waiting to rejoice with his followers over us in hopes that we would give up; but God has revived us and blessed us. Today I am also rejoicing that my liver function has returned to normal in the final days of the TB treatment. Thanks for praying. Only 3 weeks remain of the treatment. The first week of January I'll have one more liver function test with great expectation of then being cleared to return to Uganda. British Air has adjusted our tickets so we have a one way return ticket which is only costing an additional \$142 for both tickets. That's another blessing. We are booked out of Denver Jan. 31st to arrive back on the field Feb. 2nd.

Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm home in the house of God for the rest of my life. Jesus said, "I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love." (John 15:9)

May we all sense how He loves us and find our true home in His love especially at this wonderful season of the year when we can be so distracted by all the tinsel, all the scurry and flurry around us. Pray for us that we will remain steadfast and have His peace through the Christmas season and into the New Year as we prepare for Christmas and then for our departure. The transition is never easy.

PRAYER REQUESTS

I realize that these are the same prayer requests as last time but they still remain.

- Pray for our final days here in the U.S.
- The end of civil unrest in Northern Uganda & Southern Sudan
- That the Churches in Adjumani District would be faithful in spite of the raids by the LRA
- God would raise up more workers for our area
- Our financial support level would increase to where we can return to the field soon.

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