

Gary and Judy Woods' Travels



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We are on the road again

NE Africa

We arrived in Portland on April 24 at 9pm after three long flights from Dubai, UAE. We were scheduled to go to NE Africa on the way to the US, but because of the continuing problems there, we were unable to get a visa. Our travel was scheduled through Dubai, which is our connection city to NE Africa. We had already paid for the hotels there, so we went ahead and stayed there to rest on the way to the US. We continue to pray for those who live under persecution, and we look forward to the day that we can be reunited with them.

Family

We were able to spend six nights in Portland, and play with our grandchildren; Kaitlin and Andrew. It was great, but too short. We saw most of our "Portland" family at a Mexican restaurant, and had a short time to "catch up". We then traveled to Klamath Falls to visit. Judy's dad continues to struggle with his health issues. We were able to have a family evening at a local restaurant with most of the family.

Indianapolis

We then flew to Indianapolis for the CMF board meeting. The main purpose of going to this board meeting was to share in our daughter, Kendra's commissioning service. It was emotional for us, and

became even more special when we realized that Kendra was commissioned exactly 20 years after we were.

Robbery

We went to visit our first church in Palistine, IL on the way to the CMF Board meeting. We were tired after a 12 hour delay in Denver. The plane that we were to take was hit by lightning as it landed in Denver. So, we finally arrived in Indianapolis at 1:30 am, then drove a rental car arriving in Palistine, IL at 3:30. We slept 3 hours, then got up to go to the church breakfast, followed by our presentation during the SS hour and then I preached in the morning worship service.

A can was put out on our display table for donations. After the service they put the money in an envelope uncounted, and we headed for the CMF board meeting. While we were at the board meeting, someone stole the envelope!!! We couldn't believe it!! We would expect something like this in Africa, but not the USA. We suspect that there was over \$600 that was stolen. We were just too tired, and should have thought to ask the church to send the money to CMF for us.

California

After the board meeting we went to California to Sarah Crum and Chris Odell's wedding. Sarah came with her family to Kenya as missionaries when she was two years old. Where has time gone?

We enjoyed visiting relatives, individual supporters, and churches. The people at each stop have greatly blessed us.

Beds

In the 28 days that we were on the road, we slept in 18 different beds! I wonder how many we will sleep in

before we return to Tanzania?

Furlough is a joy, as we get to reconnect with you and share personally what God has been doing in Tanzania. We have many more flights, car trips, and visits over the next 8 months. We will be coming to your area and look forward to seeing you again.

Bless you, Gary and Judy Woods

Upcoming trips

Colorado

Kansas

Missouri

We leave on June 9 on our next trip and return to Portland on June 25th. Please pray for our travels and the funds that we need to raise.

Kenya and Tanzania-- I will be going to Tanzania on Sept. 17-Oct. 24. I will be teaching in the church planter course, and visiting our church planters who are out in the bush. I will also be able to attend the Tanzania Team meeting.

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