

The Oliver Family Newsletter

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Recent Happenings

- ◆ In March, while playing in the hallway with a friend (pretending that they were dogs), **Joy** landed on her arm and broke one of the bones clean through. She ended up wearing a bright neon pink cast for nearly six weeks. The itchiness was quite intense at times, but she made it through it and is doing well now.
- ◆ **Nicholas** has been having some headaches periodically. We had some CT scans done (of his head and spine); they didn't show any abnormalities, so it may be that he's been having recurring migraine headaches. At this point, we want to see if dietary changes will have any effect on his headaches.
- ◆ I'm continuing to make progress with **my teeth**. My dentist has been adjusting my bite, as some teeth (including my upper eyeteeth that now have root canals) were being hit improperly by other teeth, causing them to hurt.
- ◆ In late April I made a two week **trip to Jackson**, Michigan where I installed our NTM Accounting & Administrative system at our alma mater, New Tribes Bible Institute (www.NTBI.org). We replaced their old DOS-based accounting system with our NTMAA system (now in Visual FoxPro), re-entered their April transactions in the new system (to verify that everything was working properly), and spent time explaining the various programs and concepts to the finance office staff.
- ◆ While in Jackson, I visited **Skiff Lake Bible Church** (where we were active during Bible School), gave a brief ministry overview during the morning service, and then shared a PowerPoint presentation (my first ever!) Sunday evening.
- ◆ In May, we were able to take a three night **mini-vacation** at the Casa Del Mar in Ormond Beach (a Christmas gift from my mom & step dad). We were able to visit the local libraries (even on vacation, we like to check our email), a chocolate factory, and an animal farm named Barnyard Friends. It was a much-needed break and a fun time.
- ◆ Paula and the kids just returned from a two week **trip to Tucson**, Arizona to visit her mom, sisters, and friends. They had a fun time and even included a visit to the Tucson Children's Museum (www.TucsonChildrensMuseum.org).
- ◆ While in Tucson, Paula was able to spend some time at **Desert Son Community Church** (www.desertsoncc.com). She shared a brief PowerPoint ministry update presentation (her first ever!) during the Saturday and Sunday services.
- ◆ The city of Sanford (where we live) has recently completed the first phase of their **Riverwalk** (www.sanfordriverwalk.org), a nicely landscaped bike & walking path along the edge of Lake Monroe (a wide spot in the St. John's river). Since NTM headquarters is next to Lake Monroe, we have enjoyed being able to walk or bike down the Riverwalk, look for alligators (yes, there are alligators), relax on the swinging benches, and watch and listen to the boats at the marina.
- ◆ Meanwhile, back in the office, I've been able to add a number of enhancements to our **NTM Accounting system**. Our data entry screens have been migrated to visual forms with buttons and controls, giving our system more of a normal Windows look and feel. We've also recently added support to our receipting programs to process credit card donations downloaded from the new NTM website (www.NTM.org).
- ◆ My **current projects** include: continuing to enhance our NTM Accounting & Administrative (NTMAA) system user interface, adding multi-currency support to the NTMAA system (so that it can replace our NTM Field Accounting system, which is used at our various overseas locations), and preparing a new release of our NTM Hold the Ropes (HTR) system (which is used to keep various NTM locations updated with missionary personnel info).

Church Signs

We enjoy some of the thoughtful slogans we've seen on church signs. Here are a few that we've found on signs or posted on the internet.

1. **Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins.**
2. **Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here.**
3. **Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons - come hear one.**
4. **Forbidden fruit creates many jams.**
5. **It is unlikely there'll ever be a reduction in the wages of sin.**
6. **1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given**
7. **Where will you be sitting in eternity - smoking or non-smoking?**
8. **Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world!**

We recently had some new prayer/business cards printed and have enclosed one for you. We do appreciate your prayers on our behalf. For current prayer requests, please check our web site, www.JPOliver.com.

Thanks for your love, encouragement, and support and for your letters, cards, and emails. Let us know how we can be praying for you as well.

Your missionaries,

John, Paula, Nicholas, Joy, and Hannah Oliver ☺