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On the road again

After packing up, we left Hikiwan April 27, heading toward home. Ken made a topper of fabric for extra cargo and aerodynamics. Pastor Pete threatened to put some arrows in our "covered wagon", but we got away unscathed!

Often on our journey we have opportunity for ministry blessings in some way. On our second day out, we met a missionary couple who had

also "boon docked" next to us at a Wal-Mart. It was such a blessing as we shared back and forth over breakfast what a wonderful God we serve. Even though we come from different backgrounds, different states, and even different denominations, we can have fellowship in Jesus!



Our favorite "Pit Stop"

It's a no-brainer that our favorite pit-stop on the road is at our son Josh & Grace's home in Dallas! We get the first of the grand-kid hugs! There are always faces looking out the window when we pull our rig up. By the time we get stopped, Isaac and Carmen are usually jumping on the sidewalk with their arms wide open! It won't be long until Baby Anna will be out there too!

Tourists

So often when we stop over in Dallas, our son Josh has military work duties, or he is away on assignment. Josh was home and since we had never done anything touristy while there, he took us to Dealey Plaza and the Texas School Book Depository Building.

Memories came flooding back to us. November 22, 1963. We were test driving a pretty yellow 1960 Ford, when we turned on the radio and heard a broadcaster almost yelling, "The President has been shot". We didn't buy that car, instead we headed back home and sat in front of the TV.

There were tourists from all over the world in the famous building. But we didn't have to watch the news videos in the museum, we well remember watching Walter Cronkite saying in a broken voice, "The President has died", as he took off his glasses and teared up. We were again in front of the TV when Lee Harvey Oswald was



shot by Jack Ruby on live TV. We saw it all. We mourned with the nation through the days following. ...over 47 years ago.

RAIN in the Midwest

It stormed and it rained. Two of our kids told us, "you'll never get that rig up your long muddy country driveway. Flooding had blocked our route through Arkansas as well as across Southern Missouri. We followed the thunderstorms from Texas through St Louis to our oldest son's home near Macedonia, IL, where we found a place to drop the trailer. In spite of massive rains, the ground was firmer than expected.

We decided to drive an hour south without the trailer to check out the mud at our house. It looked like the driveway was firm enough to make it safe to try. I was anxious to get started repairing our storm damage so the next morning we put the rig back on the road.

What a surprise!

We pulled right up the long country driveway without cutting down enough to even slow the entry. Enbravened, I swung around through the edge of the yard...and then backed the trailer right into place, hardly spinning a wheel!!!

How could that be? There had been **24"** of rainfall over the previous two weeks in the area. ...and the rainclouds were still in sight as we drove into Illinois. Can anyone say, "Crossing the Red Sea on DRY LAND?" The ground was HARD and DRY!

God had prepared our way. To accentuate the point, about 30 hours later, it came a light rain. *The ground softened again and was muddy for days.*

Ken

Grandkid number 22

Jacob Daniel arrived In January. We were very anxious to meet him in person! His house was our first stop to visit when we arrived in Illinois! We also got to witness his first haircut! According to his mommy (our daughter Kendee), Jake is their favorite family toy; especially his big sissy Katie, and big brothers Matthew, Eli, and Caleb!

Jake is the youngest of the three cousins born in about a six month period! We think he'll hold his own with the girls, Dani and Anna.



Answered Prayer

After much prayer over the past couple of years, we believed that this was the time that God was going to lead us to the right RV and provide a way for us to get it. We squeezed in every opportunity we could take while home looking at RV's. In each we would say, "Lord, is this the one?" Some months ago a stranger, a man from Wisconsin emailed and asked what we needed in an RV. I replied with a pretty detailed "laundry-list" of characteristics that we felt we needed for optimum benefit in a "MV" [Mission Vehicle] as one of our partners so aptly put it. We looked at dozens of trailers, but there was one that seemed right except that it had some localized but very serious water leak damage.

I knew I could restore it, but the work, 3 weeks, would have to be done before we could put it on the road. Thurleen rightly was concerned about the time the work would take because of the time-crunch we were in to get back to the REZ. Still the *Still Small Voice* said this was the one, even though I didn't hold much hope that we could get



the funding. Lenders don't seem to place much collateralization on "God's Sufficiency". The dealer (an old acquaintance) cut the price to about what he had in it. A credit union said, "we'd be glad to."

When we were signing papers, I noticed that the serial number began with "1KB...", my initials! Confirmation!! A few days later, I ran across a printed copy of my email reply to the man in Wisconsin. The list might as well have been a copy of Holiday Rambler's brochure, with 2 exceptions; the Bath layout is different. And it doesn't have an RV washer/dryer combo...but it is wonderfully prepped for one. Though 10 years old, it is so beautiful and was impeccably cared for.

It's so nice that we now both have a chair to sit in. There is lots of storage and a huge 4 door refrigerator. We have dedicated office space, and with 2 folding chairs, we actually can seat 12 for meetings. Thank you prayer partners who have been praying with us about a larger RV. **God is awesome!**

Ken

Our Three Graduates

We hurried home as soon as the mission team who replaced the roof on the church left. We had three grandkid graduations to attend! In the past, the two grade schools in different counties have had graduation on the same night. Thurleen prayed that the graduations would be held on different dates so that we could attend both....God cares about every part of our life! Samantha and Alissa's eighth grade graduations were a week apart, and Katie's high school graduation was the weekend in the middle!



Family Time

We have leaned to snatch family time when we have opportunity. So, with Independence Day being on a Monday this year, it gave us opportunity to have all our family together at our house. It was very hot and threatening storms, but we had a cookout, the grand kids



(including the greats) ran & explored, played games, and had water fights. It was wonderful watching all the young cousins having such a good time, building memories of being at Grandpa & Grandma's house! God is so good!



Hard Work and Special Times at Home

April storms in Southern Illinois had damaged our home and out-buildings more than we had expected. Son-in-law Jeremy had already repaired the house roof, but we still had a lot of repair work to do when we got home, and not very much time. We had to leave home by July 12, to be back in Hikiwan, AZ before VBS kick-off July 17! In extreme heat and humidity, grandsons and neighbors pitched in and we got the necessary repairs done.

Our entire time at home seemed to be filled with hard work and scurrying about, and a lot of miles on the truck! We were glad to be invited to speak in different churches almost every Sunday and some Wednesday nights. We visited with old friends and made new ones. It was humbling to be able to share our experiences as Mission Service Corps missionaries in Indian lands as we work to spread the Gospel.

You know, to make his Word known, He could have had angels tell the good news. Instead, He chose to let common people like you and I get in on it. What glory to be part of what He's up to. Thank you Partners for allowing us to be on-the-ground missionaries. Your partnership makes you a part of what God is doing on the REZ. Thank you for saying "yes" when God called!

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Prayer / Needs / Opportunity / Supply

We are gleaming for guidance about doing a new "Prayer/Needs/Opportunity/Supply" emailing to churches, classes/groups, and partners so they can connect and truly be missionaries by remote. It would be separate from our newsletter. There are so many needs and so many opportunities. We would want the new communication to go to those who want to truly be active in intercessory prayer for us. We also would want it to go to those who would earnestly pray about being available for God to be a conduit for His supply through them at what ever level God would direct.

We would hope to restrict this email address list to those who really want to be included. Pray for us that we can effectively communicate the needs to people who God has called to support missions and missionaries.

Media: We have been asked to consider producing periodic video shorts that churches can show in their services. We hope to produce our newsletters on a monthly basis and coordinate the video shorts to the newsletters. Pray for us that we can accommodate the tasks appropriately and with anointing.