



"Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were." Psalm 39:12 KJV

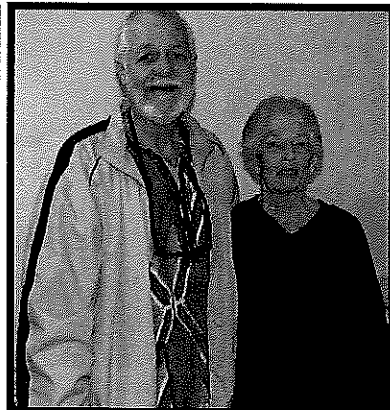
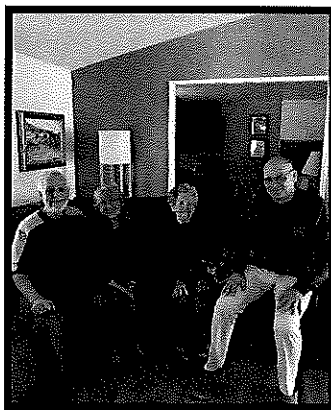
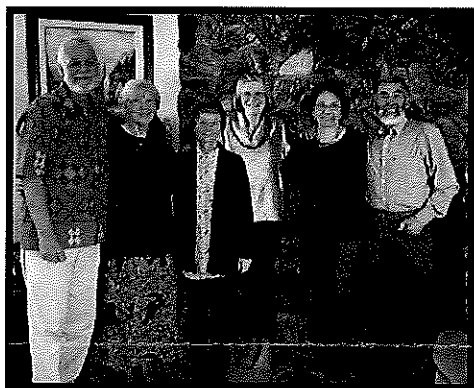
Friends: May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and yours this April! We continue our sojourn to visit churches, friends, and family after our last visit in 7 years. Today we are in the Seattle, WA area (Kappy is especially enjoying visits with family members here), and as the Lord wills, we visit Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Mission, BC, this coming Lord's Day then, Reformed Church of the Lord Jesus the following Sunday near Bismarck, ND. The Lord continues to wonderfully bless our visits. In the 4th photo from the top are Judy Griffith, Linda, Miriam, and Tony, who blessed us at lunch after the Sunday morning service. Interestingly the church, not knowing my sermon subject, chose to read Psalm 46 and songs with lyrics from Psalm 46 which was my message that day.



Judy's husband, our dear friend, Pastor Frank Griffith, who always encouraged and blessed us as missionaries, passed on to the Lord about 4 days after our visit. It can be truly said in Frank's case that his gain is a great loss for Judy, his family, and the church. Please pray for these dear Christians who have a huge heart for missions. In Stockton/Lodi, CA area, we were blessed to see Willie and Trudy He-backer (top photo) and Gretchen Loudon (next row down with Kappy). The Thompson family is above right on Laura's 16th birthday with Corinne, the other kids, Grant and Sandy Thompson, and Don and Janet Nickerson.

We visited the Sierras and long-time friend and former missionary Jim Palm with his wife Cindy, his son Adam, and mother Shirley in Chico, CA. (left photo below).

Jim and I played Pop Warner football together in 9th grade in Reno, NV. He went to West Africa with the Peace Corp and later came to Christ in Northern CA. I met him there again, and he witnessed to me of Christ and salvation not long after his conversion. He encouraged me to read C.S. Lewis's book *The Screwtape Letters* about Satan and his evil spirits. I did read that book. I was saved some years later. The Lord connected us again when Jim and Cindy told us about their lives and ministries in Brazil, where they served with New Tribes Mission. Once again, Jim's encouragements helped Kappy and me see the Lord's calling to missions in Africa. Andy and Vicki Froiland and Mom Gerrie blessed us with invigorating talks. Pray for these dear saints of God who love the Lord and love to see His kingdom extended.



KAPPY'S CORNER—Beside the Still Waters

Hello all,

As I write this, I am sitting in an upper room of the family cabin in Washington State, looking out through gently waving branches of tall fir trees at a serene, sea green bay. The pale sunlight filters golden through the trees, Canada geese honk, otters poke their heads up and float like rafts down the current, seagulls cry, and the ever present crows caw their greetings each morning. We even had a few California Sea Lions barking in the bay until a few days ago. It is by the Lord's grace that we're here in this place.

It was only ten short days ago that Jim and I turned off the main road onto the long driveway through the forest, stopped in front of the rhododendrons, and stepped through the front door. I've had quiet times of walking through the forest, enjoying the delicate new life that's budding forth as Spring begins, breathing in the fragrance, and listening to the birds sing as they seek mates. We have only a few days left in this place, but God has provided a time of healing, quieting our hearts, visiting with family, and enjoying Him through His creation. I'm reminded of the verses in Psalm 23: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.

This is now the fortieth day since Jim and I drove away from our Florida home. It's been quite a journey so far. Thinking back on it, the Lord has heaped uncountable blessings on us as we've marveled at the beauty across this continent and received the love of family, friends, and churches. And it's not over yet. We look forward to the next leg of this adventure as we head back east with more blessings in store.

My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

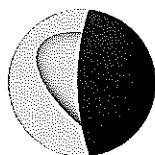
May our Lord bless you in His sufficient grace.

Love and thanks,

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