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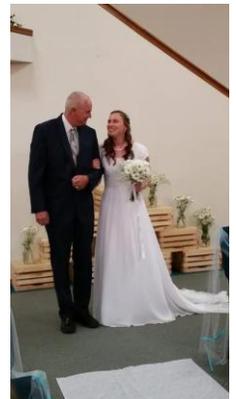
But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

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Dear Pastor:

The time is nearing – just a week from now we prayerfully will be boarding a flight from McCord AFB to the east coast and then on to Naples Italy. Debbie has been watching the flights and it seems the closer we get to our departure the less consistent the military flights have been. As inconsistent as the flights may seem to be though, it is a good way to fly cheap. We have flown many times on space available and have always gotten to where we wanted to be – just not always on the day we wanted to be there. There has been only one time it took us longer than a week to get to our destination, and that was our last trip to Naples when we got our first taste and calling into this ministry. We are aiming to land at or near Norfolk Virginia, as that is where most of the flights going directly to Naples depart from. We have friends in Virginia and Washington DC who are willing to pick us up and ferry us to where we need to be if necessary – praise the Lord for friends.

It has been a busy two and a half months home, first with the arrival of our first grandchild – and what a joyful blessing he is. He is doing well and we have had the opportunity to see him several times. Debbie makes a good grandma and is happy in that role. The next couple of months has been spent trying to get a summer of chores done in a short time. I have not been as successful at that as I'd hoped, to many distractions and my own bent toward procrastination. I have put up about half the wood I intended and finished about half the other tasks I wanted to get done. The biggest distraction was the preparations for our daughter's wedding. It was a blessed day, she was a beautiful bride and she said this: "it was everything I wanted it to be!" They are now in the Philadelphia Pennsylvania area where he is a 6th grade teacher for a Christian school at their church. We have had several meetings across the northwest during our time home, we praise the Lord for each of those meetings and for the Lord's work in each of those churches.



Matt Olsen of Bible Baptist, Naples has contacted us several times with updates to his ministry, what he is needing from us, and his furlough through the summer. He has everything arranged for our time there, he even has the pulpit covered for possible travel delays. He is planning on returning to Naples the last week of August, so we will be looking for flights home then. This picture was taken in March 2014 at Bible Baptist, Naples during our very first tour of duty as missionaries, and shortly after Matt and Diane Olsen took over the ministry there. We are excited to be serving there and see what the Lord has planned; please pray with us for safety, souls to be saved and edified, and that we would be a blessing to the Olsen family.

Semper Fidelis, John and Debbie Martin

"The Lord God, merciful and gracious ... and abundant in goodness" Ex 34:6.

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