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Family News . . . We mentioned in our January Update that we were anticipating a wonderful family



reunion with the Zimmer family coming back to the States from Palau



for their 1st furlough. We packed those first 2½ weeks full—so many plans! Ali, Ashley, and Emma were looking forward to meeting their “new” cousin, Sophie, who is 2 years old. Randy and Melody did a great job preparing Sophie through pictures and prayers—she knew them right away, calling them by their names. We were together a good bit, celebrating Ashley’s January birthday at Chuckie Cheese, having a Treasure Hunt (with the prize being tickets to the circus), and hearing Uncle Randy



preach at his church in Cleveland. A highlight for the Zimmer girls was a trip to the “American Girl” store. They’d been poring over catalogues and saving their money to each buy a doll. At the end of February we participated with the Zimmers in Lebanon Baptist’s Missions Conference—a touch of home for Jamie (and us)—and 3 days later they set out on a 9-week trip to visit some of their supporting churches in the north, to “recruit and report”, as John puts it. They had a 12-hour drive that 1st day and they ministered in a church the next day (Sunday); then that afternoon Ashley was running with a good-sized dog and when it zigged, she zagged . . . and broke her right leg (femur). The full-leg cast is not slowing her down; she’s very proficient on the crutches, and they’ve been able to keep up with their travels. She will get her cast off in about 2 weeks. They will be coming back the beginning of May and be here (with the exception of ministering locally on weekends)

through the 1st week in June, when our youngest daughter, Leanne, is married.



Ministry News . . . At the same time as Lebanon’s Missions Conference, BMW was hosting our first “ReConnection Retreat” for 30 retired missionaries. We were able to catch the last session, in which these veteran missionaries were strongly urged to be praying fervently for those who are coming behind them. We’d been praying

regularly for them; what a privilege it was to meet some for the first time. Then Dick participated in a "Prof's Summit" hosted by BMW for Directors of Mission Departments at Bible Colleges, where ideas and issues were discussed. Both of these events were enthusiastically endorsed by those attending. Carol has been cleared by her doctor to travel, so we made arrangements for a ministry trip beginning April 18th to Auckland, New Zealand for an expanded Field Conference, including Australia, Fiji, and Vanuatu. We will be traveling on to Australia to visit in the homes of missionaries serving in the Sydney area, returning home May 1st. Dick continues to send his weekly Prayer Prompters to our Mission Family, emphasizing the importance and value of prayer. These are designed to reinforce a major part of BMW's Vision for the next few years: "Impact Through Intercession". Although they are written to our BMW Mission Family, the challenges that are given here would be something every one of us could use. Some of you are already receiving these "Prayer Prompters", but if you are not and would like to receive these weekly emails, **please let us know**. (We don't want to clog up your mailbox!) We would be happy to include you in our mailings.

Please pray . . . for our general health, safety, and stamina during our travels. Carol continues the physical therapy for her shoulder, and she is slowly gaining strength and range of motion. Also, we ask you to pray for real sensitivity and discernment as we spend time with our missionaries. We are so grateful for the relationships we are building with our missionaries. Even with those we haven't yet met, the "Prayer Prompters" have probably been a good introduction to Dick's pastor's heart (Carol speaking). We are grateful for YOU, as you make our ministry possible through your prayers and your financial support. Your faithfulness in the midst of these uncertain times is a tremendous blessing and encouragement to us.

Loving God and Loving People,

Dick and Carol Hester