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Dear Friends,

We have just returned to Antigua from a four-month "home assignment." While it is difficult to separate ourselves from the ministry, even for a short period, we feel like our time in the States was profitable. It is always a pleasure to be able to report to our supporting churches and renew friendships.

Most of our time was spent in California and South Carolina, and we made three round-trips between those two states. In addition to visiting our supporters, we also went through the usual routine of "geriatric maintenance," doctor and dentist visits. Our health is pretty good, and we thank the Lord for that. I did have one scare. While doing a routine cardiac CT scan, several small nodules were noticed on my lungs. That was confirmed with a second CT of my lungs, and, the nodules being too small to biopsy, it was recommended that I get a follow-up scan in three months to see if there was any growth. (That required us to stay in the States a month longer than planned.) This follow-up was done a little over a week ago. We praise the Lord that all of the nodules had either shrunk or disappeared altogether! Thanks so much to those of you who were praying with us about this.

The Lord allowed us to be able to get together with all of our children except Christopher at Danny's, in Mountain View, California, in June. Carin, with our grandson Gabriel, flew over from Korea (the first I have seen Gabriel), and Josh flew out from Florida. Carin with Gabriel, Dan and Peichi with Mateo, Josh and Barb and I had ten days together. We took the train to San Francisco and did all the tourist things, and another day drove over to the gold-mining town of Sutter Creek to see Barb's brother and sister. While there we took a trip to the Calaveras Giant Redwood grove. What an amazing thing to see! Barb and I were able to spend a few days with Christopher just before we left to return to Antigua. Please continue to pray for his needs.

While in California, I had the opportunity to go trail riding a couple of times with a good friend, Don Phelps. Our family had horses growing up, and rode a lot, but I hadn't been on a horse in twenty-five years! We had a great time, and to my (and Don's) relief, it felt natural to be back in the saddle. I have heard that riding a bicycle and riding a horse are two things you never forget how to do, and I guess that must be true.

Now it is time to "get back in the saddle" here in Antigua. We attended Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia on Sunday, and it was such an encouragement to see many new faces in the Hispanic ministry. Barb is looking forward to re-starting her bilingual Bible study, and has over a dozen ladies interested in attending. She will also begin her ESL class again with some of the ladies from the church. Pray for our English church, Maranatha. Attendance seems to be way down.

I am looking forward to getting back to work at Radio Lighthouse. There is always a lot to get caught up on, and it is always a blessing to see how the Lord was at work while we were away. The Bakers leave for furlough the first of October, so it will continue to be very busy for Ken Kirkland and me.

We appreciate your prayers for us while we were traveling. We hope you will continue to pray that the Lord will give us many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of the people he brings us in contact with here in the Caribbean, whether in person, or over the airwaves.

Yours in Christ,

Curt Waite