

Arce's Newsletter – Oct 2014

Greetings everyone,

We are a little late in getting our newsletter out, due to a hectic schedule and some medical issues. Our last newsletter was written from South Africa, where Lu spent two months helping the Kirbys with renovations on their home. They have started a home for abandoned babies, and the first few babies will be housed in the remodeled first floor of their home. As the number of children increases, they will have cottages built to house the children and their caregivers.

Lu's next trip was to Puerto Rico, to do maintenance at the Puerto Rico Baptist College. When he arrived at the college, he learned of the plans for the retirement of the president, Dr. Mike Casillas, who had been the head of the college for thirty-two years. We ask you to pray for Puerto Rico Baptist College during this period of transition. The needs are to find a new president, adjustment to the new president and finances.

After working for three weeks in Puerto Rico, Lu flew to Fort Lauderdale where we met and spent three weeks working at Gospel Mission of South America (GMSA) headquarters. Our project was to help renovate laundry rooms in two of the mission's houses. The first job involved converting a storage room into a new laundry room with new tile floor, plumbing, adding gas lines, installing new doors, and painting. The second project was just to add a new tile floor, and to fix existing plumbing and electric problems in the current laundry room.

Bev's main job was helping at the mission's office with phone support, filing, and recording all the missionary support checks that came into the office. Her secondary job was keeping us all supplied with baked goodies, and cleaning up after Lu!

At this time we are in the final stages of packing for our trip up north to help out at the Wilds of New England camp. This year we are planning to attend a Wilds couples' retreat. It will be our first time actually attending a Wilds activity, so we are really excited. This will be extra special, as our two oldest grandchildren, Madison and Hudson, have been working at the Wilds this fall, and wanted to be able to wait on us for a change! Our tasks will be the usual: winterize the camp, do needed maintenance, and building as needed. We plan to be there thru Christmas.

This coming year, in addition to the committed trips to the Wilds, we are planning to go for five months (longest project ever), to Kitwe, Zambia, to help oversee the construction of an office complex for the Central Africa Baptist College and Seminary. You can find more information about the college at www.cabcseminary.org. This building, when finished and occupied, will help with a large portion of the college's expenses and scholarships, thus making it more self supporting.

We have been to Zambia numerous times in the past to help with the construction of two churches, orphanage housing, missionary and pastoral housing, a clinic, and part of the college. It will be exciting to see old friends again and spend time with Phil Hunt and family.

Personal:

This last three years have been difficult for Lu healthwise. After never having set foot in a hospital his whole life, in rapid succession he had prostate cancer and two hernia operations. For a year now, he has had neuropathy in his feet, and left leg and hip pain caused by a bulging disk that is pinching the nerves in the spinal column. The neurologist believes that this will in time go

away if Lu behaves himself and doesn't do any heavy lifting or straining. Please pray for Lu that he will be good and follow the doctor's orders.

Senior moment:

And what was I doing while Lu was in Africa and Zambia all that time? Falling! I had seen all the commercials about elderly people falling – “Help, I've fallen and I can't get up!”, but I never put myself in that elderly category until this summer when I experienced it first hand on three separate occasions. (1) I managed to crash through a neighbor's sliding screen door and land on the floor. (2) Not paying attention, I fell head over heels down five steps off our deck. (3) Not looking where I was going, I ran and tripped on some rocks, which sent me flying into our rock covered ditch in front of our house. In all three instances, I broke no bones, but suffered cuts, bruises and a greatly wounded pride. Especially since two of those falls were witnessed by neighbors. ☹️ *It sure is no fun getting old!*

Senior humor:

The only way to look younger is to not be born so soon!

Good motivation: An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery, and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the surgery. As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. “Yes, Dad, what is it?” “Don't be nervous, Son. Do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well – if something happens to me – your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife!”

Future projects for 2015:

- Wilds of NE – March - April.
- Zambia, Africa – May thru Sep.
- Wilds of NE – mid Oct thru Dec.

Please pray for:

- Puerto Rico Baptist College – Transition for new president and for finances.
- Good health for both of us.
- Safety for both of us.
- Fruit from witnessing to neighbors

We are so grateful for your prayers, encouragement and financial support of our ministry. We truly do consider you co-laborers with us. God bless and keep you in His care.

Bev and Lu Arce

PS. A special thanks to friends Chet and Marilyn Turner and Audrey Babcock for taking care of our yard and mail while we are away.