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And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. ~II Timothy 2:2

October 21, 2005

Greetings, faithful friends! Much has occurred since last we wrote. Our trip to Montana and South Dakota went great, so thank you for praying. We saw God work a miracle in the provision of the van we were needing, and just in time. The company we were dealing with, Mission Auto Connection in Coshocton, OH, worked it with us where we could go ahead and get the van, and pay the remainder in two installments over the next two months. We had some unusual car trouble (the oil pump failed), so we had to make arrangements to get the engine replaced, which they completely covered. They lent us a van to drive to Montana, so we had the needed air conditioning during the weeks of 100+ degree weather we had this summer. Then, once our Huckabee Grand Western Tour was complete and we were home, God miraculously provided the remainder of the funds to pay for the vehicle. He mightily worked on our behalf, and we are quite grateful for your prayers and also for those who gave financially to help us. It was glorious, getting to visit so much of the beautiful country that God has given us here in America's West, and to visit the many great churches that He has established to minister there.

We had a baby, which explains the lateness of this letter. I waited a bit, so I could have some pictures to send you of the new boy God gave us. Gaelin Joseph Huckabee was born on September 14, 2005, weighing in at 9lbs 10oz, and 21 1/2 inches long. Big kid! Anna did great. The actual labor took 48 hours almost exactly, which was unusual, and very tiring for her, but the actual birth went well. Gaelin is healthy, and her recovery has been the easiest so far. Thank you for praying for us.



As of our church's annual missions conference, which finished up the last week of September, we have been on deputation for a year. How time has flown by! Not including our home church, Grace Baptist Church in St. Louis, MO, we have been in 54 churches. We have been everywhere from Alaska, to Montana, to Rhode Island, and many, many other places in between. God has carried us on our journey, and is evidently preparing us for the work to come in Uganda. We started deputation in June of 2004, taking two months to get ready, and having our first meetings in September. I worked a secular job for the remainder of the year, making my phone calls whenever I could, going to meetings on the weekends and working during the week. I set a goal to be out of my secular job by the year's end, and full time as a missionary on deputation. We met that goal, and began our whirlwind adventures on January 1, 2005. We promptly got in a wreck, in which no one was hurt, but our vehicle was totaled. We used another, smaller van until seven months later, God provided the van we have now.

The support has come in very slowly. Of 54 churches, currently five support us (Thank you guys. You don't know how much your willingness to stand with us from the beginning has meant to us). Month after month went by with no change. We grappled with finances, which at some points were so tight, we didn't know how we were going to eat, let alone pay our bills. Then, when things would seem to be at their lowest, God would provide us with groceries, or money in the nick of time to cover our needs. We've seen God's providence time and again, as He continues to provide us with opportunities to prove to ourselves that, no matter how rough things get, we will not quit. We are indeed going to do the thing He has called us to do. Currently, I'm lining up meetings for next year, which is progressing well. We have some great meetings lined up for the rest of this year. Already, two of these conferences have yielded support. Things are moving forward, and I remain confident that we will prevail, and arrive in Africa in God's good timing.

In the meantime, pray for us. We're traveling with a newborn now, which would be challenging for anybody. Pray for our support. We need to attain an adequate level to pay our bills, so that our love offerings can be used as they were intended, for travel expenses, which are, unfortunately, painfully high right now. Pray that I'll get our schedule full for next year, and that God will guide me to the right churches and the right pastors, who will not only grant me meetings in their churches, but who will be led to partner with us to get us to Uganda. Pray for safety in travel, and our continued good health. Pray that the funds will come in for us to purchase a laptop computer soon, so we can get our work done more efficiently on the road. Pray for the churches in which we've already been, that God will prosper them, so that many more souls may be saved and added to the Kingdom around America. Pray for the churches where we are going, that God will work, and will use us to be a blessing to them and to their pastors, and that we will encourage the people of God.

Great days ahead!

God bless and keep you all,

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