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**Then the LORD did exactly what HE had promised...
It all happened at the time GOD had said it would.
Genesis 21:1-2**

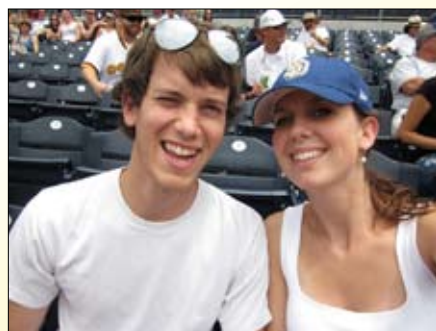
Monika and I are sitting at home back in Austria reminiscing over the things God did on our trip to America. Without having any prior plans or expectations, our time was action packed and filled with wonderful experiences. That is what we enjoy about following Jesus; He is always full of surprises.

Perhaps the most encouraging thing for us was to sit in church with other believers, worship God, and hear HIS Word. I thanked Pastor Ray Bentley for his many years of faithfully teaching God's Word -verse by verse.

I am writing Pastor Mike Macintosh to thank him for investing years of discipleship training in us. It was beautiful to see Pastor Mile's fellowship serving the community of San Diego. Monika and I spoke with some of you who are quietly being used of God to reach the world. One friend travels to Cuba each year equipping church leaders, another supports orphanages in India, another reaches out to the men who have been locked up and forgotten in prisons, and of course many follow John Pendleton's work in India. Equally as important are others who are faithfully serving God by directing cars in church parking lots, leading Bible studies or raising godly children at home. I could go on and on about God using us ordinary people to do extraordinary things to reach our world. Never underestimate the value of HIS calling on your lives. We are God's workmanship, and HE knows what HE is doing!



a special evening with friends



Children are a gift from the LORD, they are a reward from HIM. Psalm 127:3

Another important thing God did was to reunite our family. Anne, David, Monika and I were able to stay with my cousin in San Diego. Carol graciously opened her home for the entire length of our visit. If that were not enough, she found summer jobs for Anne and David. We all had fun recalling the "growing up years" and sharing our individual perspectives. It is a privilege to serve the LORD together as a family; but most of you already know that.



Anne, Monika & David - 2010

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Georgia Mountains

One of the reasons we were not able to visit with many of you this trip was, because we traveled to see my family in Atlanta, Georgia. Karen and Jim, my sister and her husband, made it possible for us to visit them and my mother. My mother, who is now 80, lives across the street from Karen with her little poodle "Junior." We enjoyed a few weekends at their mountain house and cooled off from the heat and humidity in a nearby lake. While staying at my mother's house, I discovered a local Bible study group of seniors. They invited me to share the BOLBF story. I was encouraged to that God has surrounded my mother with Christians who are praying for her salvation.

God had one more surprise blessing for me. My daughter (from a previous marriage) and part of her family came all the way from Arkansas to visit. It was really special, because we have been separated most of our lives. She and her husband, Shane, love the LORD and have been serving the youth in their church. Jennifer and I found each other after many years through the internet and communicate regularly on SKYPE.

On my flight back to San Diego, I met a lady sitting next to me who was a backslidden Christian that had become disillusioned with her faith. She had too many unanswered questions to believe in Christ anymore. After learning that I am a Christian, she confided in me about her doubts and concerns. As I shared answers to her questions from the scriptures, I saw the Holy Spirit revive her faith and trust in God. God really does have all the answers, and they can be found in the Bible... *"faith comes from hearing God's WORD."*



Jennifer, Shane, & little Ethan



*Enjoying my first
BUFFALO BURGER
in Georgia*

SPECIAL THANKS

Our family would like to thank everyone for praying and giving so generously to make this trip possible. Thank you for the use of your homes, cars, Padre tickets, etc. Thank you for the fun "driveway" basketball games & dinners - thank you for going to church with us and sharing your stories.

We are back in Austria full, refreshed and encouraged.

PRAY 4 - Skate Outreach Sept.10-12

good weather, safe skating, clear message & open hearts