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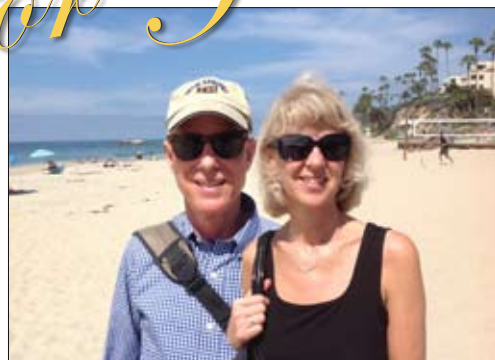
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Dear TEAM,

Thank you for coming out to visit with us in San Diego. The worship was holy & the fellowship was both refreshing and encouraging. We regret not having been able to spend more time with you, but Monika's parents (92 years of age) require our care, making prolonged trips impossible now. We just didn't have time to meet with you individually.

We pray that God's WORD will become more dear to your hearts in these last days. It will keep you fresh, spiritually alive, connected with God, and actively engaged in the things that really matter in the coming Kingdom.



Laguna Beach



We were able to get up the coast for a few hours to meet with David Berg's parents in Laguna Beach. We enjoyed talking with Dave & Mary about the kids, thanked God for each other's family, and of course had a few laughs while reminiscing over David & Anne's lives. It is such a joy seeing their love being expressed for one another.

Barkley & Doreen Brown were kind enough to let us stay with them in San Diego. They arranged for us to visit with our dear friend, Gloria, who we have known since the early Horizon days (our original church family).



Barkley, Doreen, & Gloria on her birthday

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OREGON



Jim Ogden (pictured left) treated us to a trip to Mount St. Helens, Oregon. (Jim was my neighbor back in the early 1970's when we were both in the Navy.) We spent hours riding to and from the volcano catching up and sharing stories of what God has been doing through the years. Jim has faithfully served as an Optometrist in the community of Goldendale, Washington for the past 40 years and is also actively involved in Missions. His quiet, steady, service is a testimony to the Christian community of what Jesus meant by "letting your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven."



The kids treated us to a Baseball game (center), the Bergs & Mom at a waterfall (right), Canon Beach (bottom)

Memorable Moments

Anne's School Outreach



Before we arrived in Portland, Anne had organized a community outreach targeting low income families, many of whom are her students. The Pantons, along with her Bible study group, and the Principle joined in to assist. Needless to say, the children & parents had a blast and were thankful for the food, fun, games, & gifts that were freely given from loving hearts.

It was the day before leaving to go back home to Austria, and Monika was shopping for last minute gifts, when I said that I would park myself on a bench in the mall and wait for her to finish. Three weeks of memorable moments were being replayed in my mind, when an older man sat down next to me. He looked straight at me in that "special way" which has become so familiar to me over the years. Knowing God had divinely crossed our paths, I said, "Hello," which was all it took for the tsunami to hit. Talking up a storm, he told me everything about his life. In his 80's, born in Salzburg, Austria, moved to Canada & then America, and was a pattern maker for a steel company. It was his statement, "Nothing exists without a pattern," he proudly said. That was the truth I used to share the Gospel. "That is why I know God exists!" I said. Everything that exists has a designer. I simply explained why God sent His Son, Jesus, his guilt before God, and the offer of forgiveness and eternal life. At that very moment we were interrupted, and I knew God left him to make the decision in private. **Please pray for Ernst.** God even has me reaching Austrians in America.

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in Austria, for your continued prayers, and financial support. We are grateful.

Soccer, Games, Dancing, Prizes