

November 2005

Dear Friends,

Before I begin, Happy Thanksgiving to all! We are very blessed this year to have our whole family together once more before we head to Guinea. Jonathan came in the other day and we have enjoyed being with him again. The time always goes too fast in those situations, but we are grateful to have even these days.

Our departure date approaches, as always, way too fast! We are leaving on the first of December, which is one week from today. These last days are always hectic and torturous but somehow in the end we're still on the plane when it leaves, ready or not. This time of preparation, though, has been filled with good memories to take along, for which we are also thankful.

The other kids are all thriving too. Joel continues to do well at Ferris and loves his job. He's met some very interesting people along the way. The girls are very anxious to get back (though hesitant, as you can imagine, to leave their brothers!) This Thanksgiving will be a bit different for us as we are celebrating Christmas with Tim's family as well, a chance for us all to be together since we'll be gone by then. Katie even set up a tree and decorated the house and has been baking cookies!!

We covet your prayers during this time. Please pray for us as we try and remember all the small and large details of leaving. There is so much to consider. Pray that we will have patience in our packing and shipping. Also pray for safety in travel on the first and second. Finally, pray for us as we step into our roles on the mission field, that God will gift us for the calling to best serve Him and His Kingdom.

Thank you for your faithfulness though everything. We count on those prayers and appreciate your taking time to remember us. You can change our email addresses beginning the first of December to:

Tim: tim.heiney@lcms.org

Beth: beth.heiney@lcms.org

Blessings and again, Happy Thanksgiving!

Love,

Tim, Beth, Joel, Jonathan,
Katie and Andrea

"We give thanks to live in a country where freedom reigns, justice prevails, and hope prospers. We recognize that America is a better place when we answer the universal call to love a neighbor and help those in need. May God bless and guide the United States of America as we move forward."

-- President Bush, 2005 Thanksgiving Proclamation