



# Maiorano Minutes

Extra Update - God's Moving



## Life in the Desert?

For many years we have had great success gardening in the desert. We are not sure if it has been the change in climate, or God moving our focus to other things, but our gardening is producing very little. Between the environmental changes, excessive heat, cold, wind, critters, and lack of humidity, most of what we have planted has died, been eaten, or is not maturing so as to bear fruit. We have thousands of peaches on our trees which we should have harvested them by now. They are golfball-sized and hard as a rock. The apples aren't fairing much better. We will get some strawberries and raspberries, but probably not enough to put away for the winter.

## A New Chapter in Our Lives

As I write this letter, it is hard to believe that students are going back to school. In our area of New Mexico/Arizona, some schools began on August 1st. What seems really strange is that, after 19 years, we are not preparing for student's arrival. It still feels a bit surreal to me.

So you may be wondering, what are we doing since we are not preparing for incoming students? I would like to tell you that we are resting and learning to slow down, but people who know us would be thinking, "Yeah, right!" We have been in the midst of purging our lives of unnecessary things. That has been no small task! We have collected MANY items over 19 years of teaching (books, equipment, manipulatives) that needed to find new homes. A missionary school in Oaxaca (wa-ha-ka), Mexico will be the recipients of some computers, our large collection of K'Nex building materials that I used to teach physics, and some other math and science materials. My teaching library will be moved to Kevin's church where he will have access to it to teach his nephew as well as making it available to others. I have sold most of my math book sets on eBay (about 30 to date and six more to go). Some shelves, storage containers, school and office supplies, etc., have

been sold at yard sales along with many other things we are moving on to others as we down-size our lives. Now we seek God's guidance in the next step we need to take.

We have sought opportunities for service in the nearby area, in the states, and in the world. We have inquired of Trans World Radio and Wycliffe Bible Translators about the possibility of volunteer service that would utilize our gifts and abilities. What we have found is that there are vast opportunities all over the world. Wycliffe has connected us with SIL (Summer Institute of Linguistics) Mexico. We are planning a trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, from September 5-18 to see if God may be leading us in that direction. They could really use both of our skill sets, but the language may be a barrier. We pray that the two weeks will solidify in our hearts and minds what God desires of us.

## Bible Studies

While we seek God's direction, we will continue to serve Him by bringing the truth of His Word to the people in this area and around the world (via the internet). We have completed our study on the Stranger on the Road to Emmaus. We will begin Philippians - Having Joy in All Circumstances on August 12th. We have informed our students that we are open to holding more than one class at various days and times.

## Colorado Vacation

Jim and I had a great couple of days at the end of June in the mountains of Colorado. We went to Silverton area and rode some of the trails in that area. Many were still closed due to a vast amount of snow they received. There were over 300 major avalanches in the state this year. Some of the roads still had snow 100+ feet deep. As we drove around some of these trails, we were amazed at the power and destruction that the snow can bring. We are hoping to go again at the end of August with Jimmy, Angel, and Tommy.

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## God's Answers to Prayer

1. Our five previous students have found their niche for this upcoming year. Joshua has taken a HiSet exam (a new form of GED) and will be starting at UNM for computer graphics mid-August. Kyle and Mattias start their respective schools the second week of August. Kyle as a senior, and Mattias as a freshman. Tommy has learned what it means to be part of the working world this summer while working with Jimmy on a couple of necessary classes for his diploma. I will continue working with him for the next couple of months, so he can obtain all the necessary credits for graduation. Ethan is going to begin high school in Kayenta, AZ.
2. We have gone through a massive amount of "stuff" in the cleaning out process. We have had great success with sales and finding new homes where supplies will be used and appreciated. We can now settle into the cleaning and sprucing up the place which has been neglected over the last couple of years due to busy schedules.
3. We have a peace about the direction we are heading in our lives. We are okay with not having answers yet. We know that God is in control, and He knows the plans He has for us, even if we don't. In His timing, He will reveal His will to us.

## Please Pray For the Following . . .

1. For a good travel experience as we head to Oaxaca. We ask that you pray with us as we are taking two suitcases full of school material and equipment into the country through customs around 8:30-9:30 PM (Central), September 5th. We have been told they may give us some trouble, but we ask that you pray with us that eyes will be blinded and materials can find their way to a new home in a school of missionary children.
2. We ask for God's wisdom in finding His path for our lives. We want to be open to wherever He may lead us, even if it means a move in the future.
3. Jeremy and Aubri. They are going through a difficult time right now.
4. Kevin as he tries to raise JJ and home school him as well as all the responsibilities that come with being a pastor. He has been speaking at various places and has been invited down to an Apache reservation near Tucson, AZ. He speaks truth, and we praise the Lord for the open doors.
5. I am in the process of creating a website yet again. My computer crashed and I lost my complete website. What I have published is still on line, but I can't update or change it. Philippians tells me I am to have joy in all circumstances. This happened at a good time - between classes - now I need wisdom as I try to create on a format that I am not familiar with.



One road in CO that has 100 foot deep avalanche about 1/4 mile away from this spot. They may not get this road open this year.

Kason on the left and Collin on the right. Look at the blue, blue eyes on Collin!



Hailey looks so grown up, She just turned 3.