



MAIORANO MINUTES



3RD QUARTER 2010



THE BLACK BEARS SEEM TO BE ON THE PROWL THIS YEAR. THIS ONE CLIMBED OVER THE FENCE AND INTO THE CORN PATCH THEN DECIDED HE WANTED A GOAT DINNER.



Never a Dull Moment!

The bears seem to be on the prowl this year. There have been bears dragging kids out of their tents in CO, stalking and attacking hunters in AZ, attacking people walking their dogs in WA, and the stories go on and on. One decided to come visit us as well.

We came home one night from Gallup and I heard one of the goats bawling. I ran out to the pen with Jim following close behind. Switching on lights and flinging open the gate, I went inside the pen and saw Raven in the

shadows with all four of her legs flailing about in the air. As I tried to figure out what she was doing, I noticed she had two heads. I kept looking in the darkness and saw the second face and thought that it was a dog, then I realized it was a bear, and he was dragging Raven by her neck. I yelled to Jim that it was a bear, the same time he saw it from another angle and yelled to me that it was a bear. In the midst of the commotion, he dropped Raven and she ran off. Jim grabbed the gun, but

the bear was gone. We spent most of the night caring for Raven's wounds. The good news is that she is physically fine, emotionally still a little jittery; however, we were too late for Gabby; the bear had already killed her.

With God's help, Jim was able to kill the bear the next morning. As hard as it is to lose one of our "babies," we are very thankful that it was one of the goats that he attacked and not one of our students or grandchildren. God's watch-care over our lives is amazing!



After close to a year of prayer, Sam and Storme have come home. Jimmy's family has been restored. We thought you might like to see a picture of the whole family. The children from left to right are Sam, Christan, Storme, and Mariah. The other thing that has been a real answer to prayer is that we have all four of them at the educational ministry. After the court case settled down, Angel's ex-husband agreed to allow the girls to come here if that was what they wanted. In years past, he was adamantly against them coming to us for education. God sure works in mysterious ways! We have been blessed to get to know Angel's two girls better, and it is so good to have Sam and Storme back again. Jimmy now has the job of merging this group into a family. I am sure that he and Angel would appreciate your prayers on behalf of their family. They have much to rebuild and much to overcome. All of these children have been through a lot.

Continued Study on the Book of Revelation!

Our Bible study group has studied through the books of Daniel and II Thessalonians and have almost completed Part I of the Revelation study with the letters to the churches. By the time that many of you receive this letter, we will be in Part 2. There are about 16 people that are coming to this study, which makes for a nice discussion group. We have several new students that have joined us for this study and that is always exciting. We are also working on putting the classes online in actual time so that people can join us from their homes. Isn't modern technology great?!

A New Educational Year Is Well Underway!

In fact, we just finished our first quarter. It has been a very different year and in some ways more difficult. We went from eight students last year to thirteen this year. New students bring new challenges. The transition with Sam (5th grade) and Storme (3rd grade) went wonderfully. Christan (7th grade) and Mariah (9th grade) have blended in well with the other students. Monica, Rosa, Tia, Ramone, and Keith have all returned with Keith and Ramone graduating this year. We have a new brother/sister pair Rebekah (10th grade) and Luke (7th grade). Their family just moved from Alaska. They used to work with SEND and their father has

just taken over Jim's old job as radio manager at WIM. Joshua (5th grade) is new to the educational ministry, but his mother has attended Precept classes for several years. Emily (10th grade) came to us a couple of weeks into the year. She had attended a program in Minnesota and not wanting to be that far away from home again, came to us. She has been great in the classroom. We appreciate her input and humor. So that's our gang for this year, our family that God has entrusted into our hands as we aid their parents in bringing these children up in the love and admonition of the Lord.



PICTURES TO THE RIGHT WERE TAKEN AS PART OF A SCAVENGER HUNT THAT SERVED AS END OF THE QUARTER TESTS PLUS REWARD FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR

THE GANG



LUKE, RAMONE, EMILY



KEITH, MARIAH, JOSHUA, TIA



MONICA, SAM, CHRISTAN



ROSA, STORME, BEKA

Health Updates

We have had some basic health issues that we have had to deal with for the last several months. Many of you know about the tooth problems that Jim was dealing with, and I began dealing with some eye issues. Both of us began to do that little "my arm's not long enough to see the small print" thing. Now, I am sure that if you are under 35 you have no idea what that means. We began to do a regiment of exercises to strengthen our eyes to push off the reading glasses stage of our life. As time went on, I started having more problems. One day I could clearly read the bottom line of an eye chart 20 feet away and the next day I couldn't see the big E on the top. I was seeing things and people through a haze, and I pulled out my glasses of 25 years ago so I could read the Bible. I went to a "good" eye doctor in Gallup who was kind enough to tell me that I had old eyes. I assured him they were no older than I was. After that fiasco, we headed another direction.

IT IS SAID THAT WITH AGE COMES WISDOM. WE ARE JOYFUL THAT OUR MINDS AND SPIRITUAL LIVES GROW, BUT WITH AGE COMES CERTAIN PROBLEMS IN LIFE!

God has led us to a wonderful eye doctor in Tucson, AZ. He diagnosed several things that were going on in my eyes. I will soon be in glasses, some herbal treatments are needed to restore the moisture to my eyes, and then I should be able to go back to the exercises and make those glasses less necessary.

Dental issues are another matter. Again, God has led us to a wonderful dentist near Phoenix, AZ. Jim had dental surgery in July to remove a badly abscessed tooth. They filled the bone with a material designed to promote bone growth where they needed to remove jaw bone. His body rejected that, abscessed again, so they just opened the area again to try another type of material. I should be really good at taking out stitches in the gum by the time this is all over. He also found several things wrong in my mouth as well that need to be fixed. We will work towards health in this area as God leads and provides.

SAM AND STORME

I KNOW THAT SOME OF YOU ALL READY KNOW THE STORY ABOUT THEIR RETURN, BUT WE WANTED EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO REJOICE WITH US. SAM AND STORME WERE TAKEN AWAY ILLEGALLY FROM JIMMY ON AUGUST 22, 2009. EVERYONE KNEW THIS WAS WRONG, BUT NO ONE WAS QUITE SURE HOW TO FIX IT. FINALLY JIMMY WAS CONTACTED BY SOMEONE WHO WAS WILLING TO GET INVOLVED AND ENFORCE THE COURT ORDER FOR CUSTODY. THE COUNTY SHERIFF WENT IN AND REMOVED SAM AND STORME FROM THEIR MOTHER'S HOME AND RETURNED THEM TO JIMMY. SO ON AUGUST 10, 2010, SAM AND STORME CAME HOME. AS WE HEAR MORE AND MORE STORIES, WE KNOW THAT THE MANY PRAYERS FOR THEIR PROTECTION WERE ANSWERED. THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US AND JIMMY AND ANGEL IN PRAYER.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

WE HAVE LOST THE ABILITY TO USE THE GYM THAT WE USED FOR YEARS. CRACKS IN THE FLOOR HAVE MADE RUNNING IN THE GYM DANGEROUS. SO WE NEEDED TO COME UP WITH SOME OTHER IDEAS TO GET THE STUDENTS MOVING AND ACTIVE. IF YOU HAVE ANY SPORTS EQUIPMENT LYING AROUND THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE GO TO A GOOD HOME, WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING THINGS.

TENNIS OR BADMINTON RACQUETS AND/OR BIRDIES (NO TENNIS BALLS - WE NEED SPECIAL HIGH ALTITUDE BALLS HERE)

BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL GLOVES SOCCER BALLS

HEADING TO SAN DIEGO

THIS YEAR WE ARE STUDYING BOTANY AND ZOOLOGY FOR SCIENCE. TO ENHANCE THIS STUDY WE ARE PLANNING A TRIP TO THE SAN DIEGO ZOO, SAN DIEGO WILDLIFE PARK, SEA WORLD, AND THE LA JOLLA BEACH TIDAL POOLS. WE PLAN ON TAKING SPECIAL BEHIND THE SCENE TOURS AT BOTH THE ZOO AND SEA WORLD. WE TOOK THIS TRIP ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO, AND IT WAS GREAT! WE STAYED AT A CHURCH LAST TIME IN ORDER TO KEEP COSTS DOWN. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THAT CHURCH. IF YOU KNOW ANYONE IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA THAT MAY KNOW OF A CHURCH OR INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET A GREAT GROUP OF KIDS, PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP!

Prayer and Praises

God's Answers to Prayer

1. We have all prayed for Sam and Storme's safe return. Those prayers have been answered.
2. We are thankful for a full classroom of students this year. We look forward to getting to know each one of the students and work with them to help them become young men and women of integrity and wisdom.
3. We are again very thankful for the Lord leading us to the dentist in Phoenix and the eye doctor in Tucson. Even though it is many miles to drive to appointments, the doctors are wonderful men and a real answer to prayer.
4. We were able to move back into the house the week before the new educational year began. The bathroom drop ceiling is not put up yet, that will be a winter project.
5. A good group of students for the Bible study on Monday evenings. We pray that it would be a real blessing to each of them.
6. The Sunday study continues to go well. We have a small but faithful group which allows us to dig deeply into the Word of God.

Please Pray for the Following Requests

1. We need to find a place for our group to stay in San Diego. We know that God has a way of opening things up in wonderful ways.
2. Please pray for wisdom as we deal with each of the students. With 13, there are many who need attention and my time is divided. We want to make sure that each student gets the individual attention that they need.
3. We are dealing with time issues, like many of you. We have been getting better but would appreciate your prayers that we would be faithful to make God's priorities our priorities.
4. We ask for continued prayer for the water/well situation that we told you about in our last letter. We have never heard from Chevron after writing to them, but we know that the end result is in God's hands and not theirs. We want to wait on Him and know that His timing is perfect.
5. Continuing health and strength as we deal with the issues with my eyes and Jim's mouth. Again, we wait on God to see what we should do and when.

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