

Miller Monthly Memo

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Aahhh, Spring! Have you seen it this year? We've had spring-like days followed by winter-like nights recently, but last week it suddenly became summer with humidity and temperatures in the 90's.



Russ' uncle, Frank Miller (his dad's brother), died in March at the age of 99. We were able to drive up to Charlotte, NC to be with Aunt Alice and the family. Russ was a pall bearer and also spoke at the service, telling

how his uncle was like a father to him while his own father was in Africa.

Christmas this year was wonderful, with all of our children here, although Shannon wasn't able to join us because it was too close to the twins' birth. However, she joined us by Skype while the children opened their gifts. This was the first time we had been together in over seven years! We enjoyed fun together at Busch Gardens, and a day of canoeing on the Weeki Wachee.



The Lord is making it possible for us to lead another team to BLF in France in May. We asked Him to choose the ones He wanted to be on our team and we believe He has done that, as they all made the first move. Half of the team lives in Spring Hill, FL, and the others come from MI, VA, NC and GA. We all plan to meet in Atlanta on May 16 and take the same flight to Brussels. We'll return on May 29.

Please pray that we will be an encouragement to the missionaries we'll work with in France and that our work will be helpful to their ministry to reach French people for Christ. Our next newsletter will report on this trip.



In February, twin girls were born to Ron and Shannon in Lancaster, PA where Shannon's family lives. We drove north to meet Kira and Laina in March, before Ron took the family back

to Zimbabwe. (Turn over for more of their news.)

It has been so much fun to have Susan, Scott and their five children on furlough since July. The children are growing well, each one developing an interesting personality. What a joy we've had getting to know each one again!



Between now and our trip to France, we'll drive up to Belleville in southern IL to participate in the missions conference (April 24 – 28) of St. Matthew United Methodist Church which has sent a number of team members to BLF in recent years. We are eager to see these friends again.

No doubt many of you have read Francis Chan's book "Crazy Love" which BLF has translated into French, along with a study guide which many churches and small groups in France have used. This year BLF has also published another of Chan's books "Forgotten God" (Dieu oublié) and one for children "Halfway Harry" (Matthieu Moitié). While these books have been translated from English, BLF also publishes books by French authors, written in French.

Ron & Shannon



Ron and Shannon's world has wildly changed since Kira Rielle and Laina Marin were born on 5 February. After getting all passports and required military

documents they returned as a family to Zimbabwe on 23 March and have been adjusting to a new life as parents. In between diaper changes and feedings, Ron continues to work as the Senior Defense Official to Zimbabwe and Malawi and Shannon is busy being supermom to their two girls.



Scott & Susan

Scott and Susan are finishing up an 8-week trip cross-country, FL to CA and back. The purpose has been three-fold: to reconnect



with friends and family, to update churches and supporters, and to grow their prayer and financial teams. God has been faithful to answer in all three areas. Being used to living in the heat of Chad and the warmth of

Florida, camping and sledding in the snow in Bryce Canyon was a different, but fun, experience! The family has scheduled their return to Chad on May 20, flying from Tampa.

Jon & Heather



After enjoying a Miller family reunion in FL in December and a Hamilton family reunion in Kenya in January, they returned to their work in Bunia, DR Congo. It wasn't long before they discovered that Jebel will have a sibling around the end of September. Morning sickness became sickness from amoebas and resulted in Heather's being flown to Kampala with Jebel where she is being treated.

Jon has remained in Congo where he works as Operations Manager with Samaritan's Purse. Last week, he went to Faradje and Aba (north of Bunia where they live) to deal with some security issues.

We are so thankful for each one who supports us financially and prays regularly for us. Both are vital for us to be able to travel and represent BLF. We praise the Lord for keeping us healthy and able to travel. May He bless you for your part in this ministry.



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