



Family

We have enjoyed a slower summer schedule at home this year. We will only have a few long weekend trips and we're enjoying having time at home. The girls are finishing up swimming lessons and have participated in our church VBS program as well.

This fall, Olivia will attend the Kindergarten program at our church. It's hard to believe that our "baby" is starting Kindergarten - time flies! Sabrina and Alyssa will be in 2nd and 5th grade and will be home schooled again this year. We're looking forward to another year of learning together!

CAM Center (Headquarters) Operations

I'd love to be able to report to you that everything has fallen into place at CAM over the last three months and we are moving forward at lightening speed as we refocus our energy on making disciples. While some things are going well, these last three months have been very tough months for me. It could be said that God has been teaching me many new and useful things, but, boy, it has been rough!

While we reported the financial needs for CAM Center in our last letter, there was much more that was heavy on my heart that I couldn't share with you. We were gearing up to lay off two personnel and reduce the salaries of our staff and CAM Center missionaries by 1%-2% as well as put some other budget items on hold.

Sitting in a small conference room, I sat and cried with one of my friends as we delivered the news that we had to let her go because of our financial situation. We strongly believe that God will answer our prayers for her that she would find another job quickly. Please pray for Dona and Bob as they look for other employment. The staff members took the news very well and are on board to see CAM succeed this year.

Alongside these difficult decisions, there have been several other difficult decisions and trying circumstances for myself and our leadership team. Even though I can't share the details, we would

appreciate your prayers for our whole leadership team as we walk down this path of following God's direction for CAM's future.

Among the many changes that we are making are several responsibility shifts. We are searching for a Director of Finance that will oversee our accounting department and take some of the responsibilities that I've had for the investments and budgeting of CAM. My "free time" will be used in performing the HR function for CAM Center as we have laid off Bob Porterfield. It was very hard for me to see him go because he had mentored and trained me to do his job - Director of Operations.

Even though the difficult times have come, we are anchored in our faith in Jesus and in the fact that he has called us to serve Him in this capacity. My faith has indeed found that resting place in Jesus.

On a positive note, we have received and shipped our first order for Spanish literature from Mexico as well as our first textbook order from one of our seminaries in Guatemala. God is helping us to understand how to tweak and improve this new endeavor.

During the first week of August, one of our supporting churches, Sully Community Church from Sully, Iowa, will be coming down with a work team to help renovate one of the missionary apartments at CAM Center. These apartments are used by our missionaries as they are traveling through Dallas. (Thank you, Sully!) We also have had carpet and paint donated by a local donor. This will be greatly appreciated by all of our missionaries!

Discipleship - Bobby has had a lull in his spiritual connections. We haven't met for a couple of months because he has been working on the evenings we usually meet. He also hasn't been coming to church on a regular basis. Pray for Bobby that he won't get discouraged after his brother's death.

PRAYER:

- Spiritual growth for Bobby.
- Wisdom for CAM's leadership team.
- An increase in giving to CAM
- Job opportunities for Bob and Dona

PRAISE:

- First textbook and Spanish literature orders made and shipped.
- Sully Community Church coming in August to help renovate a missionary apartment.

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