

FAMILY

The girls continue to grow and mature. Alyssa (9 in May) has really enjoying home schooling and is anticipating finishing her third grade year at the end of May. Sabrina (just turned 6) has thoroughly enjoyed Kindergarten and will graduate on May 3. She is also excited about losing her first two teeth. Olivia has really matured this year and will be turning 4 in the middle of May. Jennifer has enjoyed having Alyssa at home this year and having more time to spend with the girls. She still enjoys teaching piano lessons and playing the piano for our church. We're looking forward to a slower pace this summer. We'll be starting our summer with a twelve day trip through Missouri and Iowa to visit friends and supporters.



The girls in a field of Texas Bluebonnets

Ops Blobs (operational blips...)

A little over ten years ago, Jennifer and I enjoyed an eight mile, two day hike down into the Grand Canyon. The next morning our goal was to hike out of the canyon. As we neared the bottom of the rim, we began to see glimpses of the trail ahead as it crisscrossed the sides of the canyon walls creating a series of switchback trails that would lead us to our goal – the top and water. After much effort (I was sure I was going to die) we made it to the top. In an analogous way, the switchback trail is beginning to appear before us as we seek to reach the goal of CAM.

A portion of the switchback trails are Policy and Process. I'm finding that I spend a good chunk of my time developing or refining policies and implementing processes. The trail includes missionary status, categories, salary structures, reimbursement plans, retirement funding, future funding of endowments and trusts, internal and external communication methods, IT support structures, e-commerce business strategies, and facility growth and maintenance.

We are monitoring our annual budget on a monthly basis and making the necessary adjustments to keep CAM financially aligned. On April 9-13, we had our external auditing firm (Capin Crouse) onsite to perform an audit of the 2006 financials as well as the 2006 Medical Plan. During this process, Lauren Grant and her accounting team and I learned some new things that will help us better manage the finances of CAM and our missionaries. Pray for me as I learn how to best manage the

investments for CAM and as I investigate alternate ways to fund CAM for its next 100 years of ministry.

CAM International and Mensaje de Vida have completed an agreement to continue selling Mensaje de Vida's material through our Spanish bookstore (libroscpc.com). A new e-commerce website is in the process of being built over the next few months to help streamline the work load necessary to sell and ship these products. Joshua Scott and his team are also testing selling our Spanish products on Ebay.com. The funds that CAM earns from libroscpc.com go directly to support the

operational aspects of CAM International. Please pray that this "for-profit" endeavor would succeed in helping to support the ministries of CAM.

Our self-funded medical plan is tracking well this year, but we have run into one medium-sized snag. Our current prescription carrier has caused several disturbing issues for our members (missionaries) over the past few months. Because this is ongoing problem which re-surfaces every 2-4 weeks, we are investigating alternate prescription carriers. Please pray for me as I work with our health plan experts to implement a new contract with a new Rx company.

Discipleship – Bobby and I completed the Bible study of Stranger on the Road to Emmaus at the end of March and we took a break for April as he completes the Crown Financial Ministries study at our church. Pray for us as we start in May with a new Bible study for young believers (www.nuevavidaencristo.org).

PRAYER:

- Implementation of new policies / procedures
- Wisdom needed for investing CAM's funds
- Planning for Lake Ridge Bible Church Missions trip to Mexico City in early August 2007.

PRAISE:

- Near completion of the 2006 audit.
- Bobby's spiritual growth.

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