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## Your thoughts and Your ways

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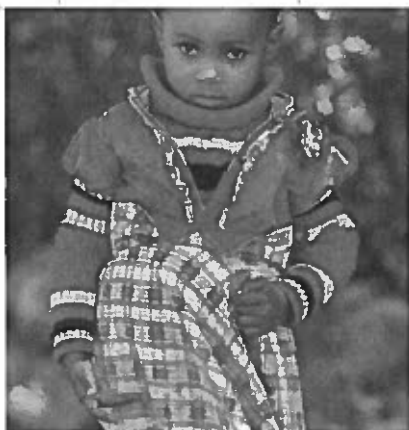
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**"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts your thoughts."      Isaiah 55:8-9**

In a time of truth being "relative" to our own feelings, thoughts, political affiliations, etc., this word from the Lord in Isaiah is **"absolute!"** Why should we be surprised when we experience this? Yet, we still are. We thank the Lord that he is patient with us.

**We moved to East Texas - We will share more about that in a bit (you may also want to read our last newsletter for more details). But first, let's look how the Lord is moving through Remember Nhu.**

**New Homes... The Lord provided the resources to start several new homes... two in Tanzania and one in Kenya (with hopefully more to come)!! Here are some of the beautiful children who will be protected from being sexually abused, some up to seven times each day.**



**I do not know who my father is. My mother abandoned me to my elderly grandmother who is not able to provide for my needs. These factors make me at risk.**



**My father became an alcoholic. His alcoholism caused him to have a mental illness. He abandoned us and now lives on the streets. My mother struggles to make ends meet by washing clothes. She is often sick from being in cold water for long hours. She does not have the ability to provide for my needs. These factors put me at risk.**



**My father abandoned me. My mother is not safe for me to be around. She is an alcoholic and often has strange men with her. She often leaves me by myself. These factors put me at risk.**



**I do not know who my father is. My mother was a teenager when she gave birth to me. She searches for recycles to clean and sell. We live in poverty. My grandmother does not have the ability to provide for my needs. These factors put me at risk.**

**Other ministry news...**

of scripture leads to Christ Jesus.

- Since our move, we have been able to make **connections with a couple of churches and dozens of other ministry leaders** with regard to Remember Nhu. At first we were wondering if those opportunities would come, but in the last week the Lord has opened the flood gates.
- With occasional mission staff changes at Remember Nhu, **responsibilities change** as well. In addition to our current role, I (Bob) have been asked to give oversight to our financial, operations support, interns and short-term team mission staff. We are very thankful to work with such dedicated and passionate people who love the Lord and the children.

**Our thoughts and ways are not His...**

Well, we had thoughts and plans and they were sure going to be great (at least we thought so), but they weren't the Lord's. From little things like our belongs showing up a day later than planned... but that gave us time to thoroughly clean our new home (which it needed!).

To big things like schools for the boys. Our plan, and one of the reasons we believe the Lord was calling us to Texas, was for the boys to attend a school taught by missionaries. However, three days before school was to begin the Lord gave me (Bob) a strong NO with regard to Josiah. We were so confused as to why and where now????!! I had never experienced such a firm and clear "NO" from the Lord before. Even thinking about it now overwhelms me with emotion. So, now what? We quickly toured the public school and immediately knew this is where Josiah was to attend. The culture is strict with very high expectations which we appreciate. Even greater is that most of the staff, administrators, and school board are strong and vocal Christians. So, Josiah moved from a class size of 11 in Wisconsin to a freshman class of 350 in a school district of 4,000 students. He is thriving and even made the basketball team. Yes, in Texas basketball is an actual class (8th period) and it begins in August.

Judah is also thriving in school. He has a male teacher from Papua New Guinea which Judah thinks is pretty cool. All of the staff are missionaries. Judah has made some close friends and many in the school know him (surprise, right?). He starts flag football this weekend and he is super pumped for that... there is nothing like Texas football!

Amy is already volunteering in Judah's school library and our whole family has opportunities to serve there and be a part of the mission community. Amy has been dealing with skeletal issues her neck. Please pray for healing and the wisdom and provision for treatment she may need.

We love our home and I (Bob) have just about figured out what each of the light switches is for. We thank God for putting us in just the place he needs us to be with regard to ministry and to bless our family. As with any new home purchase, there are a number of unforeseen projects and expenses. Would you also pray for wisdom for us to make

weeds:)

We know the Lord's ways and thoughts are not the same as ours, so would you also join us in praying for:

- The Lord's leading for us to find new church home.
- Friendships for Bob (working from home in a new place can get a bit lonely)
- Safety while driving. Judah's school is about 25 minutes from home - that is about 2 hours per day of driving for Amy (and WOW, the speed limits are high here... whew!)
- Discipleship opportunities for Josiah. Now that he is no longer attending a Christian school, as "we" planned, we are seeking the Lord and praying for a mentor(s) to come into Josiah's life.

Our address is 534 Dogwood Lane, Hideaway TX 75771. Here are some more pictures of "home".



The Lord provided a beautiful home



Our beautiful, safe city... only two ways to enter and one of those closes at midnight

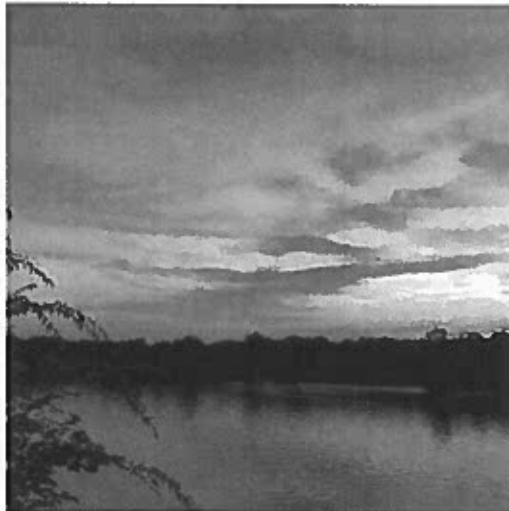


Judah's 3rd grade class (he is 3rd from the left) and school





Josiah's school and football "ain't" no joke in East Texas



Judah raised an Ebenezer on our front porch to remind us of the Lord's faithfulness and beauty.

Sunset over Lake Hideaway.



Josiah had to get a haircut for school

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