



Brian and Helen's News & Views

Furlough, USA

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Back to Vermont !



Typical Views Traveling a Gorgeous State

Brief Notes

We're in the middle of our furlough. It's great to be back and reconnecting with faithful friends and churches. We're sorry that we can't see everyone, but feel free to drop us an e-mail or phone call if you have the time.

Pray For:

- Traveling safety. Vehicles that love to drive well, with no major repairs necessary. Physical bodies that endure transits.
- For David to settle well in Seattle, and that he would find like-minded believers to encourage him in the faith.

- That we would be sensitive to God's leading and fellowship with those He guides us to during our short stay in Vermont this month.

After a brief time in Northern Virginia, and trips to see David in summer school, we have now made our way back to our "home" state of Vermont. Here we find many of our best friends and supporters. Strangely, none of them are as young as we are anymore <grin>.

But it has been refreshing to see what the Lord has been doing over the years while we were gone in PNG. Jericho Congregational Church has almost finished building their extension to an historic old church. I participated in one work party while I was here, and it was fun to meet new members of our church.

We had times of "retreats" too, running away to a cottage on Lake Carmi near the Canadian border, and spending time with our pastor Peter Anderson and his wife Sharon. They have been a blessing

to us and made sure that we were welcomed back to Vermont in style. Other speaking engagements included the United Church of Colchester.

David Off to Seattle:



All David's Possessions in One Place? Off to Seattle.

David closed out his college days by finishing his minor in philosophy at Virginia Tech this summer. He then carefully packed all his hand-made instruments and drove across the country to start his new life and

career in Seattle, Washington. As of this writing, he and three other men are renting a house, suitable to their many interests including making music.

David seems quite pleased with life at this point and is now happy in his construction job. He loves to work with his hands and around wood, so I guess this is a match made in heaven. We can all pray for working safety, and that the rest of his friends find work in Seattle.



Church Member volunteers working. We have a completely new basement area.

What's Next for Us?

Helen has been invited to the International Forum of Bible Agencies (IFOBA) to represent our work in HIV AIDS awareness education in the Pacific region. The meeting will be held in Nairobi, Kenya



David Visits Vermont for the Wedding of Peter Mead and Cheri Anderson

Sept 30th to Oct 5th. This will be our very first time in Africa, so we decided to stick around for a little "R & R" holiday after the meeting. Then back to Virginia, and some speaking engagements in local churches.

Helen's PAL Studies? Brian and OLPC?

Helen's work on accreditation to be a PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) instructor for our clinic staff next year has gone well. She has completed her examinations and has her first official PALS teaching job the end of September.

Brian continues to track the "One Laptop per Child" (OLPC) initiative in world news (MIT Labs) and hopes to promote the concept to the PNG Government when he returns. Success in our context would be completely and totally in the Lord's hands however. (www.laptop.org wiki.laptop.org)

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