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### It's Spring

It is finally spring here in Dallas! We had snow and freezing temperatures right through March, but April has brought the warmer times and the wildflowers with it! We missed the wildflower season last year because we were travelling, but we have been able to get out and see wildflowers to our hearts content this spring. The bluebonnets are really something to see—they fill the medians and all along the sides of the highways, and people just stop anywhere there are lots of them and get out and take pictures. A big thing here in Texas is to take your family picture every year in the bluebonnets along the side of the road! We were amazed to see people doing this, and asked some of our co-workers who did it why, and they replied, "That's what you do in Texas!" We didn't, but we got some great pictures along some country roads in the Hill Country.

### Health Concerns

Grrr! Josi came back from the banquet in Phoenix with a sinus infection. She lost her voice for about 10 days, and was off work for a while, but is back on her feet and feeling well again. She took a long time to get her strength back, and it turned out she became anemic while she was sick. Her doctor put her on an iron supplement and cleared that up right away.

We would ask you for special prayer for us. Josi had a mammogram done last fall, and an abnormality was found on it. They asked her to come for a follow-up, but it is a medical system that you have to qualify for, and we don't qualify. Josi's doctor is now trying to get them to send the reports to her, so she can review them and send us to a follow-up facility, but they are being difficult about sending the reports. We have requested them, and they say they did not receive the request, even though they faxed back a request for more info! It is very frustrating and a little frightening, and we just want to get the reports and be able to do the proper follow-up. Please join us in prayer that the reports would come quickly, we would be able to afford the follow-up, and it will be a false alarm.

### A Trip Away

Just past the middle of April, we were able to take a few days off for the time Josi was working in Arizona. We had an opportunity to spend a couple of nights at Haven River Inn in Comfort, Texas. They give two nights each year to missionaries for free, so we took a little break.

We spent our time there exploring nearby Fredricksburg and photographing wildflowers. We also found a rare Hygieostatic Bat Roost right next door to the Inn—one of only two still in existence. Josi was quite excited!



The neighborhood bat tower in Comfort, Texas.

## Prayers and Praises

- Continue to pray for our finances. We are at just over one-half of our monthly budget.
- Pray for God's bounty as we need the down payment to buy the house we are currently renting. This will cut expenses by nearly \$200 a month.
- Continue praying for Josi's health. Pray that her medical records will get transferred and the proper referrals will be made.
- Pray for Josi's sister, Sally, who is waiting on biopsy results from some polyps.
- Pray for the family of a friend in Albuquerque. Her sister-in-law passed away a couple of weeks ago and she is facing surgery for cancer. Lift up her family for peace and support.
- Pray for the health of several PBT missionaries.
- Pray that God would provide \$2.25 million for field needs and \$1.25 million for Phase II of the building project in Dallas between 2010 and 2012.
- Praise! A friend in California is experiencing a radical decrease in cancer cells in his bone marrow—from 20% to 2%. He still needs more healing, but God's healing is evident.



While in Fredricksburg, we took in the Museum of the Pacific War. Where Josi found this exhibit.

We met some great people there, especially a couple that are the ministers at a church in Eldorado, Texas. We look forward to corresponding with them.

## The Desktop Support Guy

The current building PBT is in has been overcrowded for a long time. The computer network has been doing more than it is supposed to handle for a couple of years. Almost nothing in the server room was installed new—most of the hardware was well used before we got it. In March, the network decided it was waaay too tired to keep running like it had, so it quit! Richard and Stephen, the IT Department head, had their noses to the grindstone as they diagnosed and tracked down the faulty hardware and got it back online.

Richard is also working on learning more about the network infrastructure that PBT has in place, installing new SSL certificates for our servers. He's also been pretty busy troubleshooting some issues with DNS and Active Directory. Next up on his plate is training with a new human resource database and a new copier and printing system for PBT's Media and Communications group.

## New Building Update

PBT is working on our new building! Spring has brought with it several work teams to get the piers and foundation poured, and we are looking forward to more groups coming this spring and summer. If you would be interested in bringing a Work Team out to help with our building project, contact Josi. She is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Building Project, and can answer most questions and set you up with information and schedules. We need both skilled labor and manual labor, and have access to a Guest House and Dining Hall for amazingly reasonable prices. It is a great way to get away for a bit and serve God's work of Bible Translation. As a bonus, you would get to see us, and where we work and live, now! (This has been an uncompensated solicitation.)

Richard is getting excited about scheduling volunteers to come and help him install the networking and telephone cables in late July and early August. Roughly 3 1/2 miles of cable will be put in place.

## Teaching Opportunities

Richard will be helping to teach two computer classes during PBT's annual Pioneer Mission Institute in June. Josi will again be helping with the Partnership Development Seminar. She will be heading a session on Thanking Supporters, and part of a panel on relating to different denominations.

As always, we are blessed by your prayers and support.