Home Sweet Home…

October saw me on the road visiting several supporting churches and a few individuals. Because of my role in SEND’s Personnel and Member Care Department, it is hard to find the time to travel. When missionaries come back from overseas they get anywhere from a few months or up to a year to travel to see all of their churches and supporters, but that is more difficult for me as I don’t get that time.

My days were full and I was able to squeeze in 16 meetings and/or events in 9 days. I really enjoyed all of it. I met new people at churches that have prayed for me and supported me for a long time. I saw old friends and supporters at these same churches. And, I saw and interacted with lots of children. I had such a good time. Thank you to those who invited me into their homes, churches, classes, etc.

Upon arriving home, it was so nice to find sweet kitty Sophie waiting for me as you see above. So great to travel, so nice to get home to my own home. Yes, my housemate, Sue, was waiting for me, too. And my own bed.

Yay, Rachel!

Rachel is one of the SEND Appointees I have been working with over the last couple of years. As of October 1 she reached full support and went full-time onto the SEND staff. Rachel has several roles, but her primary one is that of recruiting and training those who are interested in being missionaries in the Michigan area. There were times when we didn’t think it was going to happen, but that made it even sweeter when it all came together.

Finally FALL and into winter

We never thought fall would get here, but it finally has and yet... now I have snow on my pumpkins and everything else. I am not much of a fan of hot weather any more, especially if it’s humid. I do like Michigan winters, except for one thing. Gray skies. Once winter comes, we say good-bye to sun until about April. Seriously. It’s true. But, with the change of seasons also comes changes of people coming and going, such as...

- I had asked for prayer for a family waiting for months for a visa. That door has closed. Pray for them as they deal with the death of a dream to go to that hard-to-reach place.
- Praise God for several families who have been able to return to their countries of ministry fully funded!
- Pray for a family who has a very complicated situation involving several health issues and who need more support. They serve in an isolated place, so they need to be 100% before returning. Pray for wisdom as I coach them.
- Pray for those coming to the States for a break from ministry in very difficult places. By the end of the year several of these will arrive. Again, pray for me as I walk beside them to encourage them, and that I will be discerning. Living a life of constant scrutiny by everyone around you and the government can take a toll on missionaries in many ways.
End of year budget realities... Ugh.

I greatly appreciate every single one who gives to my support. I know that you do so out of the generosity of your heart and God’s leading. So, I THANK YOU so much. It is humbling to see each gift that comes in each month.

⇒ At this time of year, would you consider giving an extra gift to my support to help make up for my support deficits that accumulate throughout the year?

⇒ Would you consider increasing your support by $5, $10 or more a month to help make up the difference throughout the year?

If you would like to begin to support me or to send in an extra gift, you can do it online by going to my page on SEND’s website:

www.send.org/wambach

Online support gifts can be given through this webpage page—either recurring or one-time, and you can give by either credit card or e-check. Checks can also be continued to be mailed in to the SEND address on the other side of this letter.

At this time of year, people are counting down their list of holiday “to-dos”. My upcoming list of to-dos includes a few more things that I have to work on now to be ready for the next couple of months:

• Take on additional admin duties until we hire a new Member Care admin (previous one just moved away)
• Organize retirement of missionaries to China for Nov. 27
• Week of Dec. 10, in-office meetings with SEND staff normally based elsewhere in the US
• One missionary family returning overseas, two arriving from very difficult places to serve in December
• Coming alongside of a missionary whose spouse just passed away
• Prepare for and teach several blocks of Short-term Training, first week of January
• Lots of prep and then teaching in our next new Candidate Orientation Program in January
• Send more missionaries back overseas and receive more coming to the US on Home Service

• Oh, yeah! And celebrate Christmas with family!! Looking forward to it!

May the Lord bless you and yours this Christmas season!

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