

An Update On Our Family

Our oldest son, Nathan, is headed back to school to pursue a career in nursing. We think he will make an excellent nurse.

Our daughter, Angie, and her husband, Scott, and children, Hudson and Noel, were back in the States for a few weeks. They have been in China now for 10 years... WOW!

Our middle son, John Paul, will be graduating from The University of Alabama at Birmingham in December. His primary objective after graduation... finding a JOB!

Our youngest son, Bryan, has transferred to the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. He is pursuing a degree with an emphasis in urban planning.

As for Paul and Kathy, well, we are not empty-nesters just yet but it is in sight.



How about our grandchildren?!



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Why we do what we do?

Have you ever asked yourself why you do what you do? It's a legitimate question and one that forces us to look beyond the superficial and immediate.

The words of John Piper recently brought the answer to this question into focus for me.

"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. . .When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. But worship abides forever.

Worship, therefore, is the fuel and goal of missions. It's the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into the white hot enjoyment of God's glory. The goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples

in the greatness of God."
Understanding this truth can transform all of the business, the challenges and the routine of missions; yes, of any profession or task, into significant opportunities of service to our Lord. The Apostle Paul was dead on when he said, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as

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working for the Lord, not for men. . . ." Colossians 3:23 NIV.

From this paradigm, evangelism, church planting, Bible Institutes, clinics, orphanages, schools, short-term teams, even administrative tasks assume a magnificent

purpose and become instruments of praise to our Creator.

Well, all of that to say **-thank you.** Thank you for your part in our ministry with World Reach; for helping people around the world to be glad in the greatness of God.

Paul & Kathy

Please pray for:

- ▶ a new Bible Institute starting in Romania
- ▶ a new nurse for our medical clinic in Muthetheni, Kenya
- ▶ the growth of new church plants in Peru, Honduras and Argentina
- ▶ funds for a new school facility in Peru
- ▶ ministries which are strengthening local churches in eastern Europe

Grandparenting is FUN!!

A personal note. . . *Kathy and I are currently taking a class*

to help us become better worshipers. One of the "tools" that we are using is to memorize Psalm 145. If you are not familiar with this Psalm, take a moment to meditate on it. It prompts many avenues of worship which will enrich your response (worship) to the Creator.