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A Much Needed Break

One of the things that we do not get much of a chance to do it to get away. This year we took a family vacation to California. My Mom and Dad came with, and we got to enjoy some time together as a family. The only downside was that everyone, but my wife and I, came down with the norovirus. A week of taking care of sick kids does not make for a very fun vacation. The time off was still enjoyable. Thankfully we got to see the USS Midway with my dad before everyone got sick. My dad served in the Navy and was stationed on the USS America. It was neat hearing my dad explain everything that he did when he was stationed on the ship.

Summer Camp

Our church attends a camp that is held by Pastor Joel Haynes and many of our reservation churches participate and work in the camp. This is the fourth year of our camp, and we were able to be a big help this year. As many churches have been a blessing to us financially, we wanted to be a blessing to others as well. We donated a sound system to the camp, and my boys and I set it all up. My wife and my oldest son, Alden, made sausage biscuits and gravy for breakfast for the camp. We also headed up a paintball event for the kids at the camp. The kids loved it and spent over two hours shooting over six thousand paintballs in that time.

Camp was not all fun and games though. Pastor Jay Reed, from Peachtree Road Baptist Church preached for camp. His sermons were a challenge to the young people. One of the boys from our church surrendered to preach, and two other boys from our church made decisions to serve the Lord more this year. I am thankful for men and ladies that would be willing to take a week to work with these young people.

17 years of serving the Lord together

June 1st is also mine and Sheena's Anniversary. I am thankful for the cards and messages we received congratulating us. Most of all, I'm thankful for the wonderful wife that God has given me to serve him out here on the reservation.

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A Replacement Vehicle

About three years ago, on a return trip from Phoenix, we hit an elk with our Tundra. God allowed us all to be safe, but with used car costs during Covid, we could not afford to replace it, and we purchased our van instead. One of our pastor friends on the reservation needed a van like ours. We agreed to sell it to him. The day we were headed to sell the van to him, we found a Tundra that was one year newer than the one we lost. The cost of the truck was just slightly more than what we sold our van for. We praise the Lord, that he not only gave us what we needed, but also what we wanted.

An Unfortunate Accident

On the 13th, I was working on our swamp cooler. This is what we use to cool our house. It works by putting water over a pad and sucking the air through the moistened pad. Alden and I had changed the pump, and the fan was sucking the water through the fan and into the house. I went outside and adjusted the pump. Forgetting that we had turned the swamp cooler back on, I put my hand into the fan to see if water was getting through. The plastic fan struck my hand, slicing two of my fingers to the bone. After getting to the emergency room, I received 12 stitches in my hand to put me back together. After follow-up surgery, the doctor found my tendon in my middle finger to be 80% damaged. He repaired the tendon and nerve damage as I had no feeling in the end of the finger. Now I will have the long process of healing. Praise the Lord that we live in a day where God has given us the knowledge to repair injuries like this!

An Unexpected Trip

My injury changed my plans, and I had an unexpected trip to the Chicago area. While I was there, I was able to make an in-person report to Fellowship Baptist Church in DeKalb, Illinois. We have known Pastor Spears since our college days, and it was a blessing to see the faces of those who have prayed and supported us. I'm glad that God orchestrated a way for us to give a personal report to this local church.

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