

Dear Friends,

I must admit it's been much too long since many of you have heard from us. It's far too easy to become involved in one's day to day activities and fail to realize how long it's been since last communicating with friends. It definitely was easier while serving overseas, when regular sharing of our life and ministry was built into our schedule.

[Upfront warning from the editor here: be assured that Denny does not have a new wife. If you don't recognize "Patricia," it's still the same old wife with a new tale. I've really enjoyed using my full first name at work so am trying to expand that to life in general. If you just can't make the switch, you're grandfathered in along with Denny I have changed his "Pat" to "Patricia" in this letter.☺]

Ring the bells! A few weeks ago Patricia received her proof copy of her mother's book, the fruit of many, many months of labor. Now she and her mother each have a copy of *Memories and Musings*, a story of Mother's family even touching back to Civil War times. Mother has been writing down information and stories for 25 years (some of it even much longer ago) but she despaired of ever finishing the project. Patricia encouraged her to pick it back up and even volunteered to help her finish it. After many trips to Kansas City, phone calls, letters, e-mails, and consultations with people more knowledgeable about computer programs and publishing/printing, the end is in sight. **(Let us know if you're interested in having a copy!)**

At the end of June, we felt royally treated by dear friends from Aruba days, Mike and Cindy Gleichman, in St. Petersburg, FL, and by my brother Jack and his wife Fran in nearby Wesley Chapel. Coral and her then-13-month-old Summer were able to join us for a few days. Coral and Gleichman's daughter Beth enjoyed catching up with each other for most of a day together, along with introducing their children to one another.

Patricia is back at Kennedy Middle School assisting students with special needs. Each year her specific responsibilities change but she seems to enjoy the new challenges. She also just spent three days in Memphis at a Juice Plus+ convention, which she reports was excellent. In spite of her full-time work and the book editing, the Lord has enabled her to gradually increase the number of people she's helping toward better health through these real-food capsules, chewables, and gummies.

My part-time role as a financial coach with Primerica has proved to be more of a challenge than I had anticipated. Although more people seem to be facing financial challenges in today's climate, making contact with them can be difficult.

My brother Chuck's son Mark has invited the extended family to join him at his new home in California for Thanksgiving. Thanks to credit card points, we were able to get tickets to accept this invitation and are looking forward to a quick trip for this partial family reunion. Among those we're looking forward to seeing are my sister Joyce and husband Jim Wilson. Jim had a life-threatening split in his aorta while visiting family in Wisconsin in August. The Lord provided excellent, immediate medical care—and a great big miracle—so that he is recovering and gaining strength since returning home.

A couple of weeks ago our daughter Dacia and husband Greg found out that his next assignment will be in Montevideo, Uruguay, following the current stint at the embassy in Cambodia. Their three girls (not to mention grandparents and other relatives☺) are especially excited about their planned December vacation (and some training for Greg) in the States. Michaela is confident that there WILL be snow! The Liddle and Christensen families plan a combined weekend at a family resort in Wisconsin during their time here.

Ryan is now working full time with a chef friend who has started a catering business in Urbana, IL. Ryan hopes this is another step toward his dream of eventually having his own restaurant. His relationship with his friend Amy is beginning to look quite serious.

We're delighted to have Coral, Justin, and Summer close by again, back in their house in Wheaton after nearly two years in India. Their big news is baby number two on the way, due in March.

We continue to attend First Baptist Church in Wheaton. Patricia is taking a leave this year from children's ministry; I enjoy having her join me in our Sunday School class. I continue to find pleasure in singing and serving in the choir.

Well, I hope this has caught you up on what's happening in our lives. Now we'd like to hear from you!

[And a final note – shall I say “Ah, the last word”? – from the editor: since I have been the reason for the delay in getting Denny's letter to you in a timely fashion, and we're now barreling through November already, we want to add our hearty wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season! pc]

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