



The Dan THOMPSON Family

Serving GMSA Camps in Chile

June & July 2007

“I want to go home”

Three weeks into our almost two month long road trip, Micah had had enough. We were loading up the van to head out for our next stop when he told us rather bluntly “I want to go home”. We can’t say we blame him. The longing for our own bed and home can become very overwhelming as we travel around. Even though we had stayed with great people and were hosted beyond what we deserved, it still was not like home.

How often do we long for our heavenly home the way we long for our earthly home when we are away? It is so easy to become comfortable with this world as if it was our eternal home. Yet we know that those who have believed in Jesus Christ have been given a greater inheritance far surpassing the best this world can offer. Our attachment to this world should be no stronger than the one we feel toward the home of a friend or stranger.

Hebrews 11:13 “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off *were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*”

9,600 Miles Later

After getting home from a long trip away from home, it is always interesting to evaluate it simply by looking over the bare-bones facts. So to give you an idea of what happened during **nine thousand miles**, here are some the facts:

- * Stayed in **15** different homes
- * Shared in **13** churches
- * Relaxed in **4** hotels
- * Ate at every **fast food** franchise, at least once (or so it seemed)
- * Shared one or all of the following **ailments**:
 - strep throat
 - ear infections
 - bronchitis
 - stomach flu
 - tonsillitis
 - infected spider bite
- * Enjoyed a Christian heritage **tour of downtown Boston**
- * Visited **Mount Rushmore**
- * Got treated to **2** boat rides
- * Visited lots of **family**, including Liz’s Great-Grandmother
- * Fellowshipped with **friends** from Bible school days

Of course we did many more things but space does not permit to write about them!

Annual General Meeting



GMSA's appointees

One of the highlights of our trip was participating in GMSA's Annual Conference, hosted by Merrimack Valley Baptist Church in Nashua, New Hampshire. We had a great time of fellowship with fellow missionaries and appointees, and were refreshed as we sat under the teaching of the Word. It was also a great blessing to have Pastor & Mrs. Lonnie Jacobson from our home church visiting. As part of the conference, we were given the opportunity to share our testimony and call to missions with the teens of MVBC. Our deepest thanks to MVBC for all their work in making it such a great conference.

Acts 13:13

Just as Paul and Barnabas were sent out by the church in Antioch, we too recognize the role of our home church in sending us out as an extension of their ministry here in the Pacific Northwest. On Sunday **August 26th**, at 11:00am, Faith Baptist Church in Sequim, WA will be "sending us out" in a commissioning service.

We not only see ourselves as an extension of our home church, but also as an extension of you, who have supported us and prayed for us during these years of deputation ministry. We want to express our gratitude by inviting you to **join us for our commissioning service**. We hope you can make it! If you have any more questions please feel free to contact us or our home church.

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It's Raining Hammers and Pot Holders!

The Lord provides in the neatest ways! First Baptist Church of Weston in Southern MI, decided to throw a tool shower for the camp. We were blessed with hammers, tape measurers, chalk lines, pliers and much more. But they didn't stop there... They also decided to provide the camp kitchen with some useful tools as well. We came home with pot holders, cutting boards, serving spoons, potato peelers and other miscellaneous kitchen essentials. All of these will be a great help to the camps in Chile.

Please feel free to contact us:

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Support Update

Rejoice with us! We praise the Lord for faithfully answering our prayers concerning our support. We are now at 60% thanks to three churches partnering with us in ministry.

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Sending Mission:

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