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Friends & Family

You Americans sure are busy!! We touched down Stateside on August 3, and haven't quit going since.

Our first stop was in Ripon, CA to visit with some supporters there for a long weekend. I delivered my first 2013 presentation on the Vanuatu work during the Bible class hour, and then preached during the assembly. They are participating in a series on farming (as it relates to evangelism), and so I preached on Farming Principles from Vanuatu. It was a neat concept and I thought it went well.

From California we headed to Denver for a week, where we were able to catch up with the brethren at Columbine, Mike Olson (our mission teammate), and Shawnda's family.

We moved to OKC on August 13, and were picked up at the airport by two OC instructors (Bob Carpenter and Kent Hartman). OC has a missionary house just across the street from campus (14100 Benson, Edmond 73013), and it has served our family perfectly so far.

School started August 26, and it was neat to see the campus transform as students began arriving. OC has approximately 2,200 students, and our aim as "Visiting Missionaries" is to be a resource for those who are interested in some form of mission work. We are looking forward to the semester. I sat in several classes the first week of school in an effort to be introduced to as many students as possible.

My brother (Evan) and his family live here in Edmond, and my parents live about 95 miles south, so we've had lots of family time with them this month. Shawnda also has aunts, uncles and cousins close. We are attending the Edmond Church of Christ, which means we are able to see Evan and his family several times per week. The congregation, and especially our Bible class, has been so welcoming and encouraging to us. It's such a blessing to have Christian family in a new place.

Our updates will be brief while we are stationed in the States, but you can keep tabs on us at our blog: www.missionvanuatu.blogspot.com.



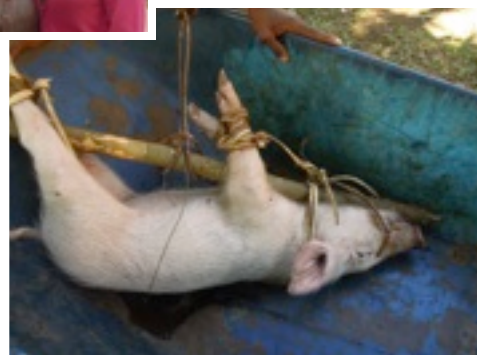
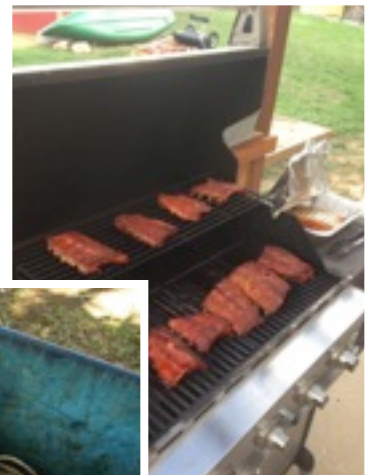
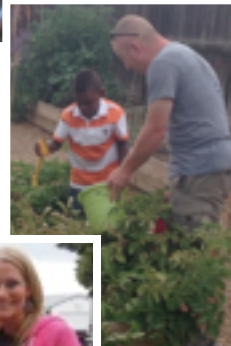
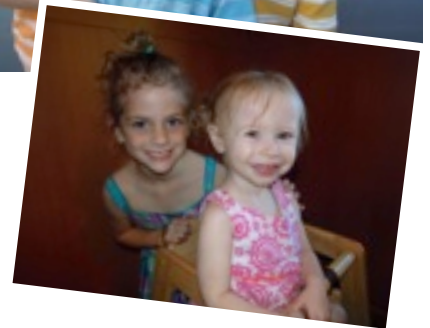
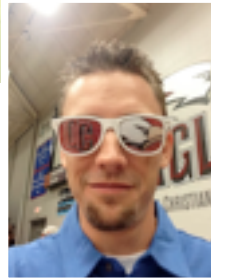
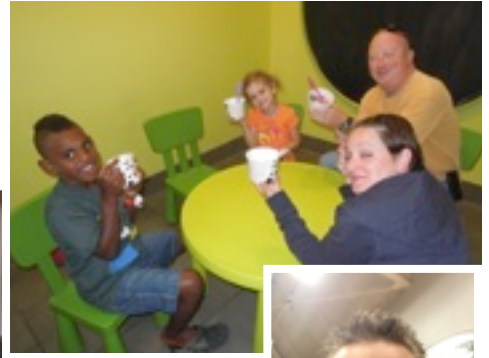
MOMS: Several local Christian friends came and saw us off at the airport in Port Vila. We appreciated getting to see them all one last time before our departure.



DADS: Several have asked how we think the church will do in our absence, and we strongly believe that they will do very well!



KIDS: We will miss our ni-Vanuatu family while we are gone, but look forward to having time with our American family for a few months.



Left: dinner last month. Above: dinner this month ;)