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## Enjoying the Visit

It seems as though the longer we're here in the States, the busier our calendar gets!

**FRIENDS.** We continue to have groups of students over for dinner each week, and eat with others in the cafeteria every Wednesday. We can't express how much our family has been blessed by getting to know so many people here. I was also grateful to have my good friend Jeff Brauer in for a short weekend visit.

**TRAVEL.** Shawnda had a "Vanuatu girls reunion" in Nashville this month, with former-teammate Cindy and two Vanuatu-campaigners from Virginia, Holly and Tabitha. What fun things did they find to do in Nashville? Well, they ate at Wendy's, shopped at Goodwill, and tie-died stuff at the hotel, of course! While Shawnda was in Nashville (during OC's fall break), I took the kids to Duncan to visit my parents and two of our supporting churches there.

We also got to go on a family vacation to DisneyWorld with my parents and sisters, Shawnda's parents and sister/bro-in-law, and the Baker family. We had a grand time!

**SPEAKING.** My guest lectures this month included one in the Vocational Ministry class (on intercultural communication) and another in the Personal & Family Finance class (on financial issues ni-Vanuatu face). Shawnda was able to lead discussions in the Women in Missions class several times this month.

The World Mission Workshop was held on OC's campus this year, and I was given two opportunities to speak ... my keynote during Friday's chapel service was "A Story of Renewal from Vanuatu", and my Saturday class was entitled "Sharing the Gospel in the Shadow of Traditional Religion." The other keynotes and classes I attended were very practical and encouraging. OC also hosted their annual lectureahip this month, and I enjoyed sitting in on several of the lectures.

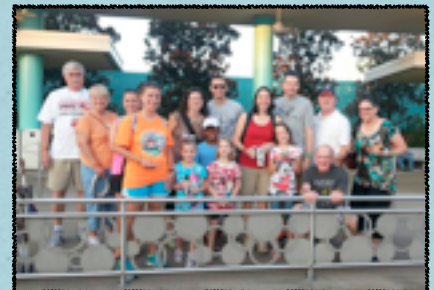
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**HAPPY FALL:** Our family has thoroughly enjoyed the cool temperatures that we aren't used to getting in Vanuatu, and the kids continue to have fun outside.



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN:** Our kids loved their first trick-or-treat experiences, with the added bonus of enjoying it (twice!) with their cousins. Candy!!!



**HAPPY FAMILY:** We were blessed to take a family vacation to DisneyWorld this month. All 16 of us made some wonderful memories together!



