

CARTERS IN KIJABE

Missionaries go where God calls, and now the Carters are called to Kijabe, back to a medical ministry at Kijabe Hospital, about a one hour drive north of Nairobi and next to the Rift Valley Academy. Kijabe Hospital has a training program for medical residents in family practice and had a need for someone to replace their main clinical instructor who is leaving in July. They were looking for someone credentialed in family practice, who enjoys teaching and preferably someone with experience in African medical care. Bob certainly has the experience they were looking for and is credentialed in family practice. He still will continue to assist the start-up of the Churches AIDS Network of Kenya, and hopes to occasionally lecture on HIV and AIDS. Hope will continue to coordinate the prayer-related activities for the vision of HOPE for AIDS, but will hand off her position as Nairobi-based health coordinator for SIM Sudan.

Bob and Hope, and Josiah, since they now live so close to Rift Valley are in a temporary apartment until the housing unit assigned them is available in about two weeks.

They report they are enjoying having Josiah living with them again. Josiah, who didn't at first want to leave the dorm, now sees some advantage to it as well; like driving the car for errands around campus, and having Mom save him some food when he gets home late from working on a school project.

At least once a week Hope drives into Nairobi for her work with HOPE for AIDS. She travels on a road that is terribly congested with traffic and where there are lots of terrible accidents. We're asked to pray for her safety as she travels.

Bob reports that each Monday the medical staff gathers to begin the new week with prayer and that every Wednesday there is a prayer service for the entire staff of more than 500 people.

*Do not merely look out for your own personal interests,
but also for the interests of others.*

Philippians 2:12(NAS)

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BARBERS VISIT NCYM IN MARCH

Sam and Becky Barber are the new workers to Belize, and are scheduled, along with their four children, to make the move in April. They each have degrees in Bible/theology, as well as in elementary education, and for several years have worked at Vennard College in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

The Barbers will be in North Carolina from March 18 through March 25. If you're going to mid-year gathering at Ft. Caswell, you'll get the chance to meet them there. If you aren't planning on mid-year gathering this year, they will be visiting in some of our meetings throughout the yearly meeting.

The Barber's first visit will be with the Forsyth USFW's lunch meeting in Pat Cheadle's home on Wednesday, March 18. That same Wednesday evening at 6:30, they will be at Pilot View in Yadkin Valley Quarter. Everyone in the area is invited to come to Pilot View to hear Sam and Becky speak and to meet their family. After mid-year gathering, on Wednesday evening, March 25, Sam and Becky will be at Back Creek Meeting in Southern Quarter.

There are still days open if you would like to schedule them for your meeting. At this writing, open dates are Thursday, March 19 as well as the Monday and Tuesday following mid-year gathering; March 23 and 24. If you want to plan for them to be in your area, contact Jake Penley at 336-391-8608.

By all means, if they are visiting near you, do try to get to meet them and hear of their plans and hopes for Belize. The work in Belize was started by Sadie Vernon in the 1960s. After Sadie's retirement, Mike and Kay Cain took over the work and were there from 1996 until their recent retirement.

THE MEXICO MISSION

In January a group of NC Friends went on a work camp to The Village Esperanza Reforma. Since the work began in Mexico, there have been many such work camps, as well as Vacation Bible Schools. Many NC Friends have taken part. Below, reprinted with permission, is what Etta Florence Winslow wrote for the Up River Friends *Lamplighter* about her and Clifford's participation in January.

Last fall we learned about plans for a mission team to travel to Mexico to build a building for the youth at the Friends Meeting in the village near Matamoras. After hearing Mike Wall at November session of Eastern Quarterly Meeting and seeing his power point presentation, we felt led to join the team. We left Perquimans County January 16th and joined five of the team Sunday afternoon, January 18th in Brownsville, Texas.

After getting moved into our room at Best Western, we accompanied Tony Reece, Wiley and Walter Shore to the Matamoras Friends Meeting for evening services. We were warmly welcomed with smiles, handshakes and hugs. (Walter summarized the sermon for us after we left.)

Monday morning we met in the hotel restaurant at 6:45 AM for devotions and an overview of the plans for the week. Our team was composed of 12 men and 3 women representing eleven meetings and six quarterly meetings and ranging in age from 43 to 82. There were people with a variety of skills. We headed to the village after breakfast to begin our work.

One team worked on laying the block walls, another worked on water proofing the meetinghouse roof and a third team worked on improvements to a young couple's house. We did stuccoing, painting, sealing the boxing and installing a bathroom to replace the outhouse. On Thursday afternoon a man who had been passing each day stopped in the road and just looked at the pretty little yellow house with the white trim and said "beautiful."

Friday afternoon the walls were done on the youth building and now we need to raise \$6,000.00 to have a concrete roof put on the building and the electricity completed. While we were in Mexico, Walter and Wiley Shore spent a considerable amount of time making arrangements with the city water and sewer department to have a

sewer line run down the road which will service the meetinghouse and its neighbors. After several trips the cost [connection fee only] was reduced from \$6,000.00 to \$700.00.

Our work is opening doors in the community. One afternoon a lady stopped by the meetinghouse to find out what time services were held. Grannie Martinez served the work team lunch Monday and Tuesday and speaking for the community she said "It just does my heart good to see what you all are doing down here."

FUNDING FOR MISSIONS

Funding for missions outreach comes through the missions committee of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, which is not budgeted through the yearly meeting. In other words, the Missions Committee is self-supporting. Lately, however, giving to missions has been down, and with the economic downturn, monies from the trust funds have been much less than in years past. Trust fund monies are expected to be even less for next year. For that reason, in order for the missions committee to carry on the work started in Mexico and to continue to help the various missionaries we now support, we must rely more on giving from members. Please remember that we are to spread the Word of God to all the world. It takes money to do that. Remember that we are only the stewards of what God has given us and we are to be the best stewards of *all* that He has given us. Will you please pray and consider how you can be the best steward of what God has given to you?

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NIV)
