



Kimberly's June 2009 Newsletter

On the Go!



My uncle, me, niece, brother and aunt

The month of June began with a visit to Pittsburgh, where I got to spend a

week with Bellevue Christian Church. That Wednesday night, Chuck Gohn, church Pastor, provided me with an opportunity for using what I'm learning in my classes to conduct a 2-hour leadership seminar for Bellevue's leadership team. Sunday's schedule consisted of a ministry update during Sunday School, sharing a message

during the regular worship service, and speaking more personally with members about my work that evening at a special international dinner. Can't wait to be back with Bellevue Christian next year! Next was a short stop in Indianapolis for a meeting with friends about ways

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Mark Your Calendars

8/3 to 8/10	Travel to Houston, TX (friends/supporters/family)
8/11 to 8/14	Louisville/Lexington (doctors appts, wrap up)
8/15	Travel to Chicago
8/16	Visit Paxton Ave. Christian Ch.
8/23	Visit Christ Temple Cathedral
8/28	Flight back to Ghana

Holding Pattern . . .

Arriving into Louisville by plane following a trip to Florida, the "fasten seatbelts" sign was illuminated just moments before I heard the Pilot announce an anticipated landing delay because of a raincloud which hovered over the city. Our plane would have to circle for at least 30 minutes or longer. Just what I had dreaded—there was no other choice but to continue in a holding pattern until it was safe to land.

According to Wikipedia, holding patterns are used for planes that have reached their destinations but are unable to land because of traffic congestion, poor weather, or runway unavailability (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holding_aviation). Having landed in Louisville on numerous other occasions through large clouds, rain and at times, storms, I knew that whatever was going on down below, it was much safer for

the other passengers and I in the plane above. Or at least, this is what I kept telling myself each time the plane shook and practically tumbled from side-to-side in a "I don't know how many more of these I can take before completely panicking and calling on Jesus for a simultaneous farewell and hello-its-nice-to-finally meet-you-face-to-face" kind of way while encountering some bumpy clouds throughout the craft's circling.

Lately, I've experienced these same kind of anxious and uncertain thoughts in my life, feeling as though God has had me in a spiritual holding pattern while He works out things for my good and according to His purpose (Rom. 8:28). And just like the holding patterns for aircraft, it isn't a comfortable or fun place to be, especially in times of bumpiness. In fact, I'd almost rather be any-

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we might be able to work together for community development in some of the less developed countries. Afterwards, I traveled to Florida to spend time with family. It was the first time I had visited my aunt Mauvolene and uncle Terrell (faithful ministry supporters) since they had moved there from

Chicago. It was also the first time I had seen my oldest brother, Jesse, in more than six years, and met my beautiful 6-year old niece, Leah. It's times like these when I'm reminded of the trade-offs I've made in serving God so far from home. And yet, the greatest sacrifice would be the failure to follow where God leads.

By June 22nd I arrived in Louisville---

the first place I'll be in which I'll get to spend longer than a week or week and a half since being on the go this summer. In between church visits (with First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown at the end of the month) I'll get to spend time with individual supporters and friends, and take care of some personal things.

There's more to come next month!

Holding Pattern, Con't

where else than circling my destination, unable to "land" for one reason or another. Perhaps you know what I'm talking about-- it's all about waiting.

For what am I waiting? As a former Pastor in Houston used to say, I'm waiting to get to "my place called there." *There is why God set me apart from birth to serve Him (Jer. 1:5). There is wherever I can best serve God with all of the talents, skills and abilities He has bestowed on me so that I can be a blessing to the peoples, that they may praise Him! (ps. 67:5). There is whatever changes*

are made in me so that I become more like Christ so that He is illuminated for others to see His light shining through me (2 Cor. 2:18). *There is with whom ever has a heart similar to mine and with whom I can work alongside of in reaching the least reached with the Gospel of Christ (Phil. 2:2). And hopefully my there might include that of which I've waited for all my life, however the persecutions may come (Gen. 2:18, Mk 10:29-30).*

No, I don't like waiting, but while God does have me in this present holding pattern, my prayer is that like

the words of John Waller's song, "While I'm Waiting," that I will boldly and with confident obedience continue on this God-directed course, faithfully serving and worshipping God while I'm waiting. Please pray that I will not faint but will be at peace, even when things are uneasy, turbulent and painful.

In the meantime, my present course includes teaching for another year at Ghana Christian Univ. It isn't "my place called there," but I do believe it's where God has me for this season of my life, rain-clouds, tumbling, and all.

Prayer Praises & Requests

Praise—for the opportunity to serve Bellevue Christian Church in numerous ways, but especially in presenting a leadership seminar. I've been asked by some to return next year for an extended seminar presentation (perhaps for a full day or over several days).

Praise—I am so thankful for being able to meet my niece for the very first time, and to spend time with family.

Prayer—I learned that Louisville-based Norton Healthcare and my insurance company, Anthem BCBS, are currently in dispute about their contract. If there is no resolution by the end of June, either I will have to pay an out-of-network fee to see my primary care physician, or find a new doctor. Agggghhhhhh!

Financial Recap June 2009

Receipts		Expenses:			
Avalon Church of Christ	\$ 100.00	100 - Salary	\$ 540.00	550 - Postage (newsletter)	160.70
Bellevue Christian Church	500.00	110 - Medical Insurance	377.77	650 - Supplies in the States	64.79
Christ Temple Cathedral	80.00	111 - Special Medical Expense	151.67	660 - Mission Phone	109.75
Faith Community Church	150.00	130 - Social Security	140.00	661 - Email/Internet	34.99
Living Water ABF (Southeast)	350.00	141 - Roth IRA	250.00	720 - Newsletters	46.67
Southeast Christian	500.00	150 - Housing	160.00	740 - Home Office	100.00
St. James Missionary Baptist	50.00	200 - Books	128.05	800 - Car/Transportation	30.00
Individuals	\$1,660.00	320 - Hospitality	42.74	810 - Meals while Traveling	163.05
Total Receipts	\$3,390.00	450 - Compassion Projects	150.00	820 - Fees/Tolls	31.00
		470 - Joint Team Projects	725.00	880 - Home Service Fund	250.00
				Total Expenses	\$3,655.78

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