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### **Thank You For Your Prayers**

You helped us through a busy summer. We are still catching up.

The Millers are A/G missionaries to the Philippines. In April they returned to the Philippines several hundred dollars short in monthly support. They asked us to produce a video about their ministry.

When we finished their video in September they sent this in an e-mail, "The video has helped us raise an additional \$4,000 to cover our lacking Budget. We are now back in the black! PTL!"

As you help us, we are able to help missionaries more effectively minister to the people God has called them to reach.

Usually we stay 14 or more days with each missionary, to give us time to finish projects and give missionaries their DVDs before we leave. This summer we needed to fit in 5 projects. 2 projects needed us videotaping on specific dates. To be able to help them all, we shorten our time with them and brought most of the editing home instead of finishing it on the field.

#### July

Working in U.S. we finished project for Lemons, missionaries to Cameroon, Africa

Traveled to Colombia to videotape the Devines outreach inside Colombian prisons, finished one project on the field and brought 2 more home to edit

Landing in southern California from Colombia, we videotaped *LifeTouch*, a combined community outreach of New Life A/G and Iglesia Torre de Alabanza A/G in Duarte

INSIDE COLOMBIAN PRISON

# YOUR CAN'T GET AN EXIT STAMP WITHOUT AN ENTRY STAMP

# CAR STOLEN FROM AIRPORT PARKING

# Traveled to Baja, California to videotape a Salvation Army home for abused women.

#### **August and September**

Returned to Kingman, AZ then edited projects for Millers, missionaries to the Philippines; for the Devines missionaries in Colombia; for LifeTouch and for the Salvation Army.

#### October

We are still finishing up editing for LifeTouch and Salvation Army

#### These all happened to us this summer.

To read details and see pictures, use this link to go to

the PDF file on our Web page. <u>http://www.mandley.com/pdf/</u> <u>MandleyOct2013B.pdf</u>

### If you would like to see the

Lemons, Devine and Miller videos, this link takes you to that page on our Web site. Click one of the icons on the left to view a video. http://www.mandley.com/videos.html

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MANDLEY MISSIONARY VIDEOS

#### October 2013 B

# Thank You, Your Prayers Helped Us.

As expected, July & August were even busier than normal.

The days before a trip are always busy. This time, just 3 days before we left to help the Devines in Colombia we were also finishing the Lemons' video (missionaries to Cameroon, Africa). Then Barb had a dream that did not make sense except that God told her, "Everything is going to be OK".

About this time we heard that thieves were breaking into cars in airport parking lots. Car registrations provided home addresses and garage door openers provided access. So we hid our registration in the car before leaving home.

Normally we fly out of Las Vegas but we had a project in Duarte, California and another in Baja, Mexico waiting for us as soon as we returned from Colombia. So we flew out of southern California. To save money we used a Web parking service to find a cheap parking lot a few miles from LAX. It was not until we dropped our car off that we realized it was a small lot that needed to move our car around while we were gone. We had to leave our keys with them.

# **INSIDE COLOMBIAN PRISON**

The Devines have bi-annual outreaches to three prisons (13,000 prisoners). They visit each of the three prisons in the summer then again during the Christmas season when they minister not only to the inmates but to their families as well.



During their summer outreach, the Devines arranged for us to join their team and video inside one prison. It was amazing to have free access to prisoners, guards and even the warden.



Mac After Fingerprinting #5

Going into a Colombian prison produced lots of adrenaline. Just to get into one of the cell blocks meant getting finger printed 3 times going in and 3 more coming out. The last two fingerprinting stations were only about 20 feet apart. As we videotaped the prisoners and saw the teams ministering to them, we relaxed. It was amazing to get to interview and encourage the prisoners.





# YOUR CAN'T GET AN EXIT STAMP WITHOUT AN ENTRY STAMP

This trip had two plane changes each way. Coming home from Cali, Colombia we went to Bogotá, Colombia then Houston, Texas and finally Los Angeles, California.

The Devines daughter, Bonnie, took us to the Cali airport when it was time to leave. Thankfully she stayed with us through the check-in process. When the airline clerk saw that Barb's passport did not have a Colombian entry stamp, she took take us to immigration. We both thought the immigration officer had stamped twice when we entered Colombia, but there was no entry stamp for this trip in Barb's passport. We had just been in a Colombian prison and did not want to end up in one again because of an immigration officer's mistake.

It is a smaller airport and a plane was coming in. Immigration needed their staff to meet the plane, so we had to wait. As we waited, Barb checked Mac's passport and discovered it had two entry stamps for this trip. When we showed it to immigration they said it should not be a problem, but it would have to be fixed in Bogotá when we changed planes. It was a process, but immigration in Bogotá: canceled Mac's extra entry stamp, gave Barb's passport a special entry stamp with a handwritten date and then gave it her exit stamp.







# CAR IS STOLEN FROM AIRPORT PARKING

We left the Devine's home for the airport on Wednesday afternoon. After an all night flight and another plane change in Houston, we got to the parking lot in Hawthorne, CA at 10:00 a.m. Thursday morning. We planned on doing a few errands then checking in with the pastor about our Saturday project. Perhaps they would need us to videotape some of their prep that evening or Friday for their outreach to the community on Saturday.

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Mac and Barb started looking. (As we looked we kept thinking that it had to be there. Our 2000 Toyota had over 250,000 miles, a beat-up front fender and two large parallel cracks in the front windshield. It was the least likely car in the lot to be stolen.) We both looked 3 times, no car.

Mac called our insurance to report the lost, found out about filing a police report and getting a rental car through Enterprise (from their commercials, we knew Enterprise would pick us up). The insurance clerk reminded us that we had a \$250.00 deductible. The police said to come to their station to file a report. Over the cell phone, Mac asked the clerk to check if our car had already been recovered, the clerk did not find it in the system. We were tired and annoyed but had a peace about it. Maybe this was how God would allow us to replace our old Toyota.

When the parking lot owner showed up he assured us that they had never had a car stolen before. Both he and his staff commented that they were surprised how calm we were. They said they often had people a lot madder at them for a lot less. We got to tell them about our ministry. One of the staff was in film school and spoke Spanish. Mac got to show him some the Spanish prison video we had just made for the Devines. The owner said he would make things right.

Enterprise Rental picked us up and we got to tell the driver and the other two men in the office about our stolen car and our ministry. We got to tell it again to the clerk and police officer at the Hawthorne Police Station. There we learned that our car had been recovered, but by the Los Angeles Police Department 3 days earlier. The thief had our keys, but no registration and said it was a friend's car (remember that we had hid the registration). Since he was driving with a suspended license, the police impounded the car but let him go. They had his name. We were tracking our business miles so we knew he had only driven the car about 30 miles.

Like our niece said later, your not a very smart crook if you are driving Mac and Barb's stolen 2000 Toyota, with a cracked windshield, you are driving with a suspended license and you drive so badly that you get picked up in less than 30 miles.

It was now about 3:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon. The Hawthorne and Los Angeles police were all very gracious to us. They worked together to help us to file the police report, get the necessary releases and a map of the best route to travel through rush hour traffic to get to the impound lot before it closed.

At the impound lot we were surprised to discover we owed \$352.45: \$117.00 towing, \$109.50 for 3 days storage, \$10.95 (10% city parking tax on the storage fee) and \$115.00 for the city to release the vehicle. When I went to pay, the credit card that I thought had the funds was denied. The one I did not think had enough funds was accepted. Then we learned that the car was across town at a supplemental storage lot. We made it there right before they closed at 7:00 p.m.

There was no new damage to the car. The trunk and inside had been rifled, but the only thing missing was a charger for our ipod (and we were not positive it was in the car).

Friday morning we drove back to Hawthorne to return the rental car. To our surprise Enterprise has an agreement with our insurance company (USAA). Because we were renting the car due to an auto theft and the car had already been recovered, Enterprise did not charge us or USAA anything. Our only cost was the \$12.30 we spent to fill up the rental car before we returned it.

We drove to the parking lot and left a letter with a list of our expenses for the parking lot owner, then spoke to him on the phone. The owner said he would take a while but he would take of us. We were scheduled to work on the Duarte and Salvation Army projects the next several days so we said we would meet with the parking lot owner later the following week.

When we called the next week the owner did not have the funds and was not sure when he would. We were pretty sure we were out all of our expenses but within 5 minutes we received a phone call from USAA. Since the car was recovered with no damage, there was no deductible. Also USAA told us that they would cover all the impound fees, they even began the process of transferring the fund right then. Praise God! And—of course—God was right, everything was indeed, "Okay!"

Praise God! We ended up with just minor costs and had the opportunity to tell many people about God's goodness, provision and our ministry.



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