



Where are the Vennells?

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The Vennell-a Scoop

The BIG question?

There might have been some confusion from our last newsletter. Some of you might have thought we were leaving MAF. The TRUTH is that we are STILL with MAF. We are taking this year to regroup and, after 10 years in ministry we are looking forward to what God has in store for us next I, Tim, have been working on a Masters degree in Strategic Leadership during this sabbatical. There seems to be a void in leadership in missions and other ministries including the church and we are hoping that God will use this time to point out much that can be worked on in my life so that I can be useful in filling the gap.

I have learned many things and have been challenged in my thinking as well as in my actions. It is very interesting studying at a secular university where servant leadership is still considered one of the most effective ways of leading a group of people. Jesus was the greatest model of a servant leader when He took our sins all the way to the cross. As I continue to study and prepare for our next assignment, I would ask you to pray that God would mold me into a servant leader.

So, what is next...well we hope to be in discussion with the leaders of MAF over the next couple of

months about our future location of service. There are many aspects of a new place that excite us, but perhaps none more than the idea of creating a new work through the work of MAF. I would love to help develop a brand new program. We are anxious to see what God is doing as we continue to prepare for His service. Thank you so much for praying with us as we seek His plan for our family in His service.

Special points of interest:

- God opened the door for us to move into our own home that we have had rented out for the last 10 years.
- The girls started public school in December for the very first time.
- Pop Tarts for breakfast, as much as we like while in the States. Ha!

Catching up on missed snow storms!!!

Living in Africa, we have missed snow and even while we had some snow in Lesotho, the girls really missed that

part of winter. Well....after living in Spearfish, SD, for the last few months we have been the recipients of

them. We wonder if there will be snow in the next place we go!



more than 220 inches of snow, and I think everyone is finished missing snow! We have enjoyed the many piles of snow and all the fun games that go along with



Some of the adjustments to America!

So much has happened with the kids, and they are growing up much to their parents dismay. It is a lot of fun to watch them experience things they have either never experienced or have not experienced in a very long time. Our local orthodontist and dentist helped us get braces for the 3 oldest so they have been adjusting to that. Carson has been so busy that he is wearing his mom out, but it has been easier since the girls all

started public school in December 2008. Living just across the street from a small elementary school here in Spearfish has made the transition quite an easy one. In fact, it has been fun watching them carry all the "African" artifacts and stuff to their classes for show and tell. Lauren took her passport one time, and although she is about to get her third one, she was the only one in her classroom who had their very own passport. What a

privilege it has been to travel the world meeting the needs of the forgotten, with the hope of a Savior. We are so grateful for all that you have done to make this possible. We look forward to many more years serving our Lord with your help! Thank you again for all you do!

With love,

Jim and Joniya

Now is your chance to come and visit Mt. Rushmore and have a FREE place to stay! Come and see us this year!



Can you tell from these pictures who has added a little SPUNK to our lives ?



We are planning our travels now for the summer and fall so if you would like to see us please let us know what would work best for you!!!

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