

August 2009



Dear Friends,

Once again time has gotten the best of us. With lots of help and some projects sub-contracted out we left the project in Chandler, Arizona with the outside of the building finished and the tile roof completed. The church family rallied together for two Saturdays in March, and painted the outside stucco including the covered walkway and the existing church building. Does it ever look nice!

The building committee is now gathering bids for the heating & air conditioning, fire sprinklers, water piping, and drywall. Please pray that God would provide the funds to finish the interior this year. The class rooms are so needed for the ministry there.

On our way home we spent a couple of weeks in Colorado and then the month of May in Oklahoma. Our second granddaughter, Natalie, graduated from the University of Oklahoma on May 15th, Then Jessica, our oldest granddaughter was married the end of May. It was such an enjoyable and busy month.



We arrived home to North Carolina early in June and got busy with Dr's appointments and getting our yard back in shape. On July 1st Dick had knee replacement surgery, and is now doing rehab. Amazingly the healing process is going well. The therapist said he was about 90% at the end of July. Praise the Lord! Still a long way to go before he can do every day work.

Our son Tim has spent the month of July here helping us out as well as keeping his full time job going via the computer and phone. our youngest granddaughter Danielle came for a week. They were able to take some time to explore some NC fishing and visited a couple of colleges for possibilities when she graduates in 2 years.

Vi has had a rough summer with lower back and hip pain. The xrays show it is arthritis in her lower back. As soon as Dick can drive again we will pursue some avenues to hopefully get some relief for her.

Please forgive us for not getting personal thank you notes out to all of you who prayed, gave financial help and encouragement to us this past year. We appreciate and thank each one from the bottom of our hearts.



Lord willing we will again head to Colorado in the fall to pick up our trailer and after some much needed repairs and TLC on it we will return to Chandler, AZ.

Please pray with us for:

- 1) Our 14 year old truck and 9 year old trailer will hold together for a few more years as well as our bodies.
- 2) Dick's continued recovery from knee surgery and return to full use of the knee.
- 3) Vi's health and relief from hip and back pain.

In trying to cut down on mailing costs we will send this letter via email to those of you for whom we have email addresses. Those we mail if you have email, and would like for us to use this method in the future, please send us your email address to rvavis408@gmail.com.

God's Blessings to each of you and thanks for continuing to be our partners as we serve our Lord in the construction ministry with Hard Hats for Christ.

Dick and Vi Avis

