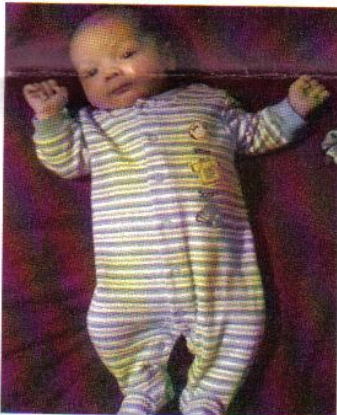


September 2008

Dear Friends,

Last month I was bragging on our summer weather. Well, summer in the Northwest ended on August 17th this year. Cold. Rain. Rain. Cold. You get the picture. Then, just as the leaves began to fall, "Indian summer" arrived with temperatures in the 80's and 90's! Thank you for standing with us, no matter the weather!

Speaking of Indians, our niece, Emily, who now lives in Seattle, brought an American girl of Indian (south Asian) descent home to our house for Labor Day weekend. They cooked up a Large batch of dahl baat and tarkari (lentils, rice, and veggies). We ate with our fingers. It was almost like being back in Nepal! Well, almost almost.



Early in August, Caleb and I joined Ann in Arkansas, held baby ←Elijah, spent two days with my brother and sister-in-law, spent a couple of days with friends in Oklahoma, visited relatives and hugged kids and grandkids in Colorado, and generally had a quick but good vacation! I didn't even take my laptop! Horrors.

Unknown (but apparently related to us) Arkansans →

Back in the saddle again by mid-month, we had the Board meeting to prepare for and missionary

assignments to catch up on. On the heels of that, we had a Board retreat at Camp Shiloh that went very well. We interviewed two potential Board members and a potential new missionary family.

Ann had an MRI done on her hip and they found a cyst in her pelvic bone that may be the root of her pain. She is recovering well from the removal of a bone spur, cut off her foot this month, and we're looking into options for the cyst. Short of very serious surgery, we're not finding many. Please pray.

Our Hard Hats missionaries assigned to the Gulf Coast were taking some respite, working at a camp in Tennessee when Gustav and Ike hit. They may need to return to the coast sooner than planned. Pray for Byron and Lois Goodman and their team.

We appreciate your faithfulness and prayers.

Dave

