



Newsletter of Jeff, Diane, Daniel & Alyssa ~ living and working in the Persian Gulf & Central Asia.

The Earth Keeps Shaking ~

In the last few months we have had five earthquakes here where we live. We are up on the 24th floor, so the light fixtures sway and pots and pans hanging in the kitchen bang. It's *not* a secure feeling. But our building still stands. The people of Ziarat and nearby districts of Pakistan were not so fortunate, when an estimated 17,500 families had their houses fall down on or around them in an October 29th earthquake. So far, we have provided 992 heavy tents, 365 quilts, 10,500 kilos wheat, 750 kilos rice, 600 kilos lentils, 600 kilos sugar, 600 kilos cooking oil, and 330 coats. More is needed.

Back in the USA ~

We spent July and August in the states, enjoying time with family and friends. Jeff and Daniel rode across Iowa with 12,000 others on RAGBRAI. Alyssa took Jeff's place for a day.



Most of August was in Lincoln, Nebraska. We had many opportunities to reconnect with the people of our sending church, New Covenant Community Church. Diane talked about her life and prayed with the Single Moms group at NCCC.



Alyssa's goodbye to Jeff as he & Daniel hit the road

Back in the UAE ~

Hours before school started up again, we landed back in the United Arab Emirates, beginning our fifth year here. Daniel and Alyssa returned to the same schools as last year, Universal American School for Daniel, and American School for Girls for Alyssa.



Both Daniel & Alyssa started the new school year off with volleyball. Alyssa's team was the more colorful of the two.

Our church, the Sharjah Fellowship of House Churches, held a baptism this fall nearby at the beach.



In December were the holy days of Eid Al-Addha, the "feast of sacrifice". It marks the anniversary of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Ishmael on God's orders and God's mercy in providing a substitute sacrifice. (The Bible says it was Isaac, not Ishmael.) Muslims gather in mosques for special prayer meetings.

Families kill a goat as a commemoration of the lamb Abraham killed in place of his son. Across the street from our apartment, huge numbers of people come to this large Saudi Arabia-financed mosque, clogging the streets with parked cars. There are overflow people in the grass area, kneeling on their prayer rugs, facing Mecca.



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