

Dear Friends,

We pray and trust that all is well.

Things are moving along here. Charlie Hunt was just here heading back to House 6 after his Saturday afternoon lab class. He was very up-beat about how things are going with twenty+ students. Many of his students are employees of the local mining company. My experience with these students is that they are focused and goal oriented; night students with jobs and families usually are.

Kathi's trip to teach the traditional midwives went very well. She has another trip planned before we head back home. She came home with a huge pile of green plantains, cucumbers, and two live chickens. We got in trouble sometime back for having live chickens, so these went into the pot. We had plantains for breakfast and dinner today. Green plantains are a good substitute for potatoes. The cucumbers are tasty.

Our classes are doing well. I gave the first quizzes in Statistics and Basic Electronics, and was pleased with the results. I'll have to decide what to do with the Excel class. I have over twenty students and it is difficult to give any sort of hands-on, in-class quiz. I might try a written exam instead. But that has drawbacks as well. We'll see.

We received an announcement that they are going to put in fiber-optic cable and we can sign up for \$65/month. That would be an interesting deal, except that they want us to commit to pay every month for some extended time, but we will be gone in two months. We have been using our cell phone as a hot spot and it works fine, so we will stay with that.

Young Sam is doing fine. We were a little concerned about his reaction when we told him we would not be back next semester, but he seems to be dealing with it. Pray for him. He's reliant on Kathi but needs to rely on Jesus. He has grown in the Lord so much over the last couple of years it is wonderful to watch.

And, pray for us. We heard from the Lord to take the spring semester off, but want to know what the future holds. The question is, should we be making a clean break, or plan to return next fall, or even spring of '26.

Oh my. How strange it seems to write '26 when thinking about the near future. In a few months it will be a quarter of a century since Y2K. I guess we must be having fun since time is flying by. There is another "Y2K" type computer bug off in the future. In 2038 the UNIX time system will overflow. I would imagine that they will have fixed it by then. Conceptually, it is not a difficult thing to fix, but it might be expensive.

We'll see you who live in Tuolumne in the first part of November if all goes according to plan.

Dave & Kathi



Left, Charlie & Sam at House 4

Below, Physical Science class

