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Quick update

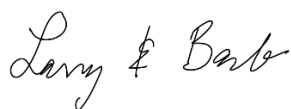
Hi, everybody. **We are safely back in West Africa, and all our bags arrived.** The customs office read our document from the church committee and waved us through without opening anything. **No hassle, no duty to pay!** That's a huge answer to prayer, so thank you for getting us to this point.

NEW WRINKLE: Emelyn was delayed a whole day. Her Boston to Newark flight delayed so much that she eventually had to postpone her trip for a day and route through Ethiopia! As I write, she is still in transit. **So please pray for journey mercies for her as she continues in transit today. Pray all her bags arrive with her.** She will also face the **immigration process by herself**, since they do not allow us to go inside the terminal to receive her and coach her through. She is unlikely to have cell coverage until we see each other, so we will be going blind as to her specific situation until she emerges with visa in hand and bags in tow. Lord willing, in another 10 hours (July 30 at 18:00 GMT or 11:00 am PDT), we will greet her in person at the airport.

Jet lag—it's real: seven hours of difference is real, and it takes about a week for our body clocks to adjust. We managed to sleep until 4am local time. With school and mission training school both starting on Monday, please pray for us to arrive quickly at this time zone.

Lord willing, tomorrow we ride for 14 hours to our city with an experienced driver, so we appreciate your **ongoing prayers for safety**. Most of what we wrote last week still applies, so if you didn't see that email, here's a web link: [last prayer letter](#).

Thanks for praying! Blessings! Larry and Barbara



PS (Additional details for those interested) **Situational awareness** during 30 hours of flights can deteriorate a lot. I nearly left my passport on the plane at our final destination! I felt frantic as I searched high and low and finally found it in the seat back pocket. Whew! What a sigh of relief. [Note to self: do not put passports in seat back pockets!]

It was also disconcerting to find at 4 am that **our first leg of our international travel was canceled due to weather in Chicago.** Four of our nine checked bags were over by 1/2 pound each, the first time my digital scale has let me down, requiring repacking on a deadline. Our carefully crafted comfortable transfers went out the window with our first flight 90 minutes earlier than planned, and late flights on our re-routed itinerary further compressed our transfers. Thanks be to God, we made our transfers, and so did our bags! That's the behind-the-scenes unforeseen stuff your prayers are walking us through. Grateful to God, grateful to you.

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