

The Next Step



“In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.” Proverbs 16:9



August
2009
Thorsen
family
prayer letter

A Change of Plans...

Our Bolivia return date:

Was: August 5th

NOW IS: December 9th

Our airline tickets *had* the departure date of August 5th, our planned course pending Tami’s eye surgery/ recovery and the health of Tami’s parents. But, as the verse above says, “...the Lord determines our steps.” At the end of July, Tami and I met with her eye surgeon who highly recommended we keep the tube in her eye until mid-October and then give a few weeks to see how things have improved.

THANK YOU for your faithful prayers, notes, emails of encouragement, and special financial gifts during this transition time of leaving the Bolivian mission field earlier than expected and now staying stateside a few months longer than we had planned!

So...the Lord has been redirecting our steps. As it now stands, Lord willing, we will:

1. **Continue living in Marshalltown, Iowa** until we leave for Bolivia December 9th.
2. **Enroll** our children into a Marshalltown Public School until December 9th.
3. **Enjoy opportunities to serve** in our partnering churches.
4. Spend more one on one **time with our partners**.
5. Have the eye surgeon **remove the tube** in Tami’s eye October 15th.
6. Pray that God would grant us the blessing of **more partners** to join our prayer/financial support team.
7. Encourage and help **Tami’s parents** as they are transitioning to an assisted living apartment in Waterloo, Iowa.
8. **Grow our faith** as we see God meet not only our needs, but also the needs of our dear partners—**YOU!**

Since we’ve arrived in the states...



We spent the month of **May** in Waterloo, Iowa with Tami’s parents as her mother continues rehab after her stroke. Austin was a great help to “G’ma” as he did physical therapy with her! **Pray** she continues to regain strength and mobility.



Praise God for these mighty prayer warriors!

In **July** we reported in IN and NY. Here are 3 of many children we met who had personally adopted, by prayer, a Bolivian child from our Kids Club.



The month of **June** began our mission reporting ministry. Here we are having those at a VBS reenact what typically happens at our neighborhood Kids Club in Bolivia. **Praise God** for these great times of sharing what God is doing!



A special treat! **God blessed us** with many opportunities to spend personal time with our partners. Here we spent the afternoon with a family at their dairy farm! Caris & Austin got to feed the newborn calves! **Praise God** for wonderful times with our partners!

Thank you for your sacrificial financial and prayer support as we continue to serve together!

"...[we] always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philipians 1:5

CCS School Year 2009-2010

With our departure being December 9th, CCS had to find teachers to take our place for their first semester. At the writing of this letter we **praise God** that all of our classes have been covered!

Please pray for Arden Steele who will be teaching 7th & 8th Grade Bible (Biblical character qualities), Andrea Wilson who will be teaching 9th & 10th Grade Bible (Attributes of God) and Jonathan Steele who will be teaching 11th & 12th Grade Bible (New Testament Survey) in our place.

Please pray for the need of a full-time High School Science teacher. At this point, the classes are covered by the current teaching staff, stretching them to teach this needed area.



Our prayerful vision is:
To REACH CCS students with the gospel of Christ,
ROOT them in the Word and
TRAIN them to SERVE.



While we visited our partners in New York we took a weekend trip to Boston and enjoyed the east coast, the New England Aquarium, the Plymouth Plantation & the Mayflower. Austin and Caris learned a lot about the history of the US on this quick but fun family time!

We also spent time with Charlie's parents, brother, sister and her family. Austin and Caris sure enjoyed being with their cousins! (below)



Our Financial Support Status

We are grateful and humbled by the sacrificial giving of so many of you which allows us to continue ministering on the Bolivian mission field.



Thank you!

While in the states we went to SIM USA in Charlotte, NC for debriefing and meetings. One of our meetings was reviewing our support status.

This is our current support status:

Current support level	92% (shortage of \$416/mo)
Support increase in Oct '09 (our new fiscal year)	\$271/mo
Total need PER MONTH	\$687

Please pray with us that God would raise up partners who would join us or increase their financial giving to meet the financial needs we have. We are all trusting our heavenly Father to provide our needs during this difficult economic time.

If God were to bless us with...

- 1 partner giving \$200 a month
- 2 partners giving \$100 a month
- 2 partners giving \$50 a month
- 4 partners giving \$25 a month
- 2 partners giving \$20 a month
- 5 partners giving \$10 a month

...the need would be met!

If the Lord leads you to partner with us financially or change the amount you are currently giving, please use the enclosed "Response Card" and send to:

SIM USA, PO Box 7900, Charlotte, NC 28241

OR

follow this link through our website to give on-line:
<http://www.thethorsens.com/through-giving>.

Thank you for considering us in your prayers and giving!

DID YOU KNOW...

While we visited SIM in Charlotte we were able to meet 3 brand new CCS teachers as they prepared for their time in Bolivia!

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