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An old tree in the neighborhood came down a couple of days ago during a storm and I was surprised when we drove by a day later to see that the leaves were already drooping and it was obvious that it was dying! The life-giving nourishment had been cut off and it was immediately obvious! Somehow, I was surprised that the “death” showed so quickly! My beautiful summer “posies” we have outside the door are vibrant and alive --- but miss a few days of watering and they start getting wilted and pathetic! It makes me think how spiritually applicable this is to us as believers! “Staying connected to the Source” is so vital to our spiritual well-being, isn’t it!? “Walking in the Spirit“--- being “connected to the Vine”!

Summer is in full swing here in Missouri! Temperatures in the 90’s just aren’t my favorite “thing”. When I express my dislike for the heat people will ask me why I spent so many years in hot South America. My answer?! “It was obviously NOT for the weather!” With most of the students gone for the summer our responsibilities have relaxed and Paul is enjoying some leather making projects. Josiah, the single student that Paul has been mentoring is taking the six-month linguistic course, so we get to keep him! J He hopes to serve in Mexico. Also, the couple we are mentoring have stayed on for the birth of their first little one and their wee bairn was just born today --- so we get to stay connected with them also these days. Paul is also starting to review the History of NTM/Ethnos360 information that he will be presenting in August --- the 22nd to the 24th --- to the new students during their orientation time.

I seem to keep busy with household upkeep and feeding people! J I’ve always loved to cook, and it is something I can still do --- we enjoy loving on people in this way and the fellowship that comes with it! With our son and his four son’s and families living close by and two of Starr’s kids living in the area also --- we try to keep connected with our grandchildren and their children. God is giving us this special time with them! We even get to baby sit two of our “greats” on Mondays J --- Starr and Matt have been gone for almost two months now so things are quiet upstairs. They’ve been traveling and are now in Mexico out with the Tepehuan --- trusting the Lord for a good five weeks to minister to and encourage and teach the believers in the church there. Pray for them please! The main areas are safety --- their health --- and meaningful times with the believers!

With the price of gas going so high this summer and the plain ole fact that we are finding the idea of traveling a bit intimidating! :-/ --- we've pretty much decided not to travel! We would love to make a couple of short trips but just not sure at this point if we will be able to do it. I often say that I can't keep up with my "want to"!!! But, like you, what we CAN do is "abide in the Almighty" --- we can "stay connected to the Source" and because of HIM --- we CAN influence and touch the lives that God brings into our path --- whether it's our grand-children, great-grandchildren, missionary students from the training center and staff or our neighbors. God has us here for a purpose and our desire is to bless and encourage! AND stay cool during this heat! J Thank you, dear friends, and co-laborers, for your friendship, prayers, and financial support!!! We pray that you also are finding sweet fellowship with our Lord and Savior as you stay connected to the life-giving Source!

We love and appreciate you!!!

Paul and Faith