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On the Road Again

I have had more than a dozen speaking engagements in the last month from Tucson, to Tijuana, to the LA Basin to the Bay Area. I have put more than 5000 miles on my car during that time.

Becoming a Parent to My Mom

My mom spent six weeks in the hospital and rehab center in December and January. My brother and I are learning to become parents to our mom as we make plans and help her to be as independent as possible with very tenuous health. Kathy has spent several weeks in Turlock helping her to recover. We are learning firsthand the stresses of facing the inevitabilities of old age. My mom is a committed believer which helps a lot. Please pray for wisdom and patience.

God's Provision for a New Laptop

The Great Recession is the hardest environment we have faced in more than twenty-five years raising support as missionaries. For the first time ever, I have seen Perspectives Classes and church missions conferences cancelled after I had been scheduled to speak. Several churches have been forced to drop or lower our support. I was so encouraged last weekend when the couple that was hosting me for their church missions conference bought me a new laptop computer.

Vince and Jennifer saw my road-weary laptop that is literally coming unhinged. They got on-line with a friend who is an IBM employee and pretended to be looking at laptops for Jennifer. After church Vince asked me if I would stop by the house after lunch explaining that the laptop research that morning was really for me! He told me he and Jennifer liked to give to ministries that multiply themselves. I will have my new IBM laptop in a week! God gets the glory; this road warrior gets a new "office"; Vince and Jennifer get an enhanced "Kingdom Investment Portfolio"!

Beyond the Hype of Short Term Missions

More than a million Americans go on short term missions trips every year at a tremendous cost. Recent research indicates that the results do not at all live up to the hype. I am developing a seminar to help churches be more effective in short term missions. I delivered some of the material for the first time last month in Phoenix.

Church Missions Director Sacrifices for Missionaries

Sandy Lay, Missions Director at The Grove Community Church in Riverside, recently stepped down from her position and went back to a nursing career in part to help the church maintain its support to missionaries. I am one of those missionaries. Thank you Sandy! And to all of you who help us do what we do!

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