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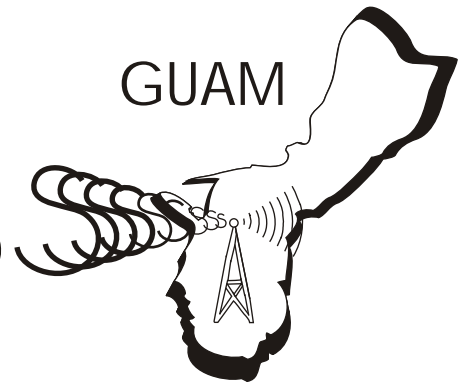


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A news letter from the Gregsons





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Greetings from Massachusetts!

With all that has been going on in our family, the last few months seem like a  whirlwind. But we will do our best to bring you up-to-date. Our biggest news is that we now have the two cutest little girls in the world! (Okay -- we are just a little biased!) Joy's Gottcha Day in June went smoothly. We found that the little baby we met in October had turned into a bright, active toddler. We excitedly brought her back to Guam to begin to get to know each other. That process was interrupted a bit by two typhoons that hit the island. The second one passed a distance away but the first one made an eye passage in the northern part of our small island on the Fourth of July. Power and water outages were island wide and lingered until our departure a couple weeks later. This made our furlough preparations and Joy's introduction to our family a little extra stressful. It was memorable though! For example, we rushed outside in swimsuits whenever a good rain started in order to bathe in the drain spouts! ♠ ♠ ♠ We also were reminded of what a lifeline radio can be when you rely on it for updates! Before the storms came we managed to host a get together at our home to celebrate what the Lord did in bringing Joy to our family.

After leaving Guam, we had some encouraging meetings in Hawaii with our supporting church there (Faith Baptist in Kailua). This also helped to break our trip up a little and to lessen some of the jet lag. When we got to the airport in Hawaii we were looking around for our ride and noticed a woman pull up looking for some one.. She noticed us and called out our name. She had one car seat and we had one just as had been planned. So we packed up the girls and most of the suitcases. Denise got in and started talking with the lady and circling around the area a few times looking for her husband who was to pick up Doug and the rest of our suitcases. When Doug and her husband met up and started talking it became apparent that we weren't the family they were looking for!! We all had a great laugh and unloaded our belongings. A little while later our ride came and when we left we still saw the same lady circling around the airport looking for.....someone else with a name close to ours! 

After our time in Hawaii we headed for the East Coast where we will be based for the rest of our furlough. We are staying at Doug's parents and they did a wonderful job setting up an apartment in their basement. They did a lot to make our stay as comfortable and stable as possible, knowing the girls would need that. (last furlough we lived in four different places) Joy is adjusting remarkably well to the family. It is an incredible feeling to watch her smile and play so joyfully. She and Sarah are still getting used to being sisters. At times they play very nicely, and at other times the competition is pretty intense. It is a bit unique to  have a sibling come along who immediately runs around and gets into your stuff rather than starting out in the infant stage. Joy can really hold her own, too! While the girls are similar in temperament, Sarah enjoys books and gross motor activities best, and Joy excels in fine motor skills and loves music. In any case, both sets of grandparents are having a ball

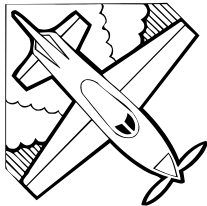
spending time with the girls and the girls adore them as well. Both girls love to be outside so it has been nice to begin our furlough in the summer before the colder weather sets in! We have felt right at home on the hottest days when everyone else is complaining of the heat!

Thus far we have been catching up with family and with supporting churches and individual supporters in this area. We have also started to get caught up with dentist and doctor visits. Let us give you an idea of our schedule, though we are still working on it:

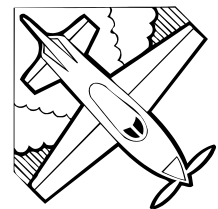


First Sunday together on Guam
June

We left Guam on July 20th and arrived in Hawaii on July 19th!
July 19-24 - meetings with supporters, Faith Baptist Church, HI
Aug. 25 - arrived in Massachusetts
July 26-Aug. 11 - visiting with family and supporters in Massachusetts
Aug. 12-16 - Doug attends computer training, Westborough, MA
Aug. 18th - evening presentation at Manomet Bible Church, MA
Aug. 20-21 - meetings at TWR Headquarters in Cary, NC
Aug. 25th - Marstons Mills Community Church, Cape Cod, MA
Aug. 26-28th - Doug attends more computer training, Braintree MA
Aug. 28th - Golden Lights, First Baptist Church, Duxbury, MA
Sept. 2-9 - vacation with Doug's family
Sept. 13-18 - visiting supporters in VA; interview at Reston Bible Church, VA
Sept. 22 - presentation at Victory Baptist Church, Marshfield, MA
Sept. 29 - presentation at Easton Baptist Church, MA
Oct. 6th - potluck and presentation at First Baptist Church in Hanson, MA
Oct. 19-28th - Missions Conference at North Syracuse Baptist Church, NY



In Hawaii on way to the mainland
July



On The run in Massachusetts
August

Please do write with your latest news!
Warmly in Jesus,

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