

The Saga of the Stump Continued...

It's out! As my husband predicted, the stump finally did come out. My comment is, there seems to be more than a "few" surface roots and one taproot. The wood was as hard as iron but my husband's will was stronger. He saw it through! "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13



I share this to say that for me, it represents more than an uprooted stump; it stands for rooting out and destroying something that has been a hazard in our lives. It can be

done! God has been faithfully working in and through us these last few months of delay. Now we trust Him that out of death will come new life.

Steve adds to my reflection: Just yesterday I saw a small shoot already growing out of the stump. It reminded me of Job 14:1,7,14. "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble...v7 for there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease...v17 If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." These verses size up a very troubled life and even those lives that make up a nation. The only hope for



nations and the hearts of people is the Prince of Peace living central in each one.

"Look around and get distressed, look within and get depressed, look to Jesus and find rest."

Corrie Ten Boom

Isn't it amazing what lessons come out of something so ordinary as pulling out an old stump? The Bible is full of such object lessons. Perhaps God is speaking to you through something similar in your circumstances!

Family Time

We can't pass up this chance to thank the Lord openly for giving us time with our family! Words can't express our gratitude for those who gave, who let us use their car (Grandpa), their cabin (Charleen and Aunt Marie), who encouraged us, counseled us, and prayed for us. Thank you.



Our activities included lots of visiting, a Point Reyes backpack trip with Nathan and his friend Meg, and being with family on two different occasions at cabins.

All I Have/All I Need

We were in Ripon the other day saying good-bye to some dear friends and prayer partners who we may not see again this side of eternity, Jack and Eunice Cover. As I, Steve, read the Bible to Jack he said over and over with tears in his eyes, "Thank you, that's all I have, that's all I have." Wow, my thoughts were that's enough. Having the word, written and living is enough.

Full Speed Ahead

Africa is now in full view; we feel and sense an excitement. The challenge is clear and we are ready to go. By the time you read this we'll be back



in Kenya. Thanks to all of you who have been praying, giving, and encouraging us along the way. We are looking forward to what God wants to do with setting up a Transition Center, training staff, and getting the Word of God into the hearts and lives of these children. We're excited about the groundwork already laid by our special prayer team. There is the hard work of intercession for individual boys recently rescued. Please pray that we will be very diligent and deliberate in all we do this next season in Africa.

Just this morning a verse stood out: John 12:26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall My servant also be..." The thought came into my mind, "Where would Jesus be?" Psalm 113:5-7 says, "Who can be compared with the

Lord our God, Who is enthroned on high? Far below Him are the heavens and the earth. He stoops to look and He lifts the poor from the dirt and the needy from the 'garbage dump' (NLT), 'dunghill' (KJV), 'ash heap' (NIV)." Let's be His hands extended wherever we are.

I couldn't help but notice in the following verse Jesus prays, "Now My soul has become troubled, and what shall I say, Father save Me from this hour? But for this purpose I came to this hour." May God give us all grace! Philippians 3:10,11

Love and prayers,

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