



Our mobile home



Family fun!



It is that time of year again when people start flying yard banners with the words "Give Thanks" on them and post daily blessings on social media sites. It's a great time to take stock of all those blessings God has given in his grace and mercy. We have a few of our own!

**Safety in travelling over 10,000 miles since August!**

**Memories made with family!**

**God's provision for a car for furlough!**

**Good meetings reconnecting with partner churches in VA, NC, VT, ON, QC!**

**Being able to visit with individual supporters! Replacement of our stolen computer!**

**The gift of a tablet and guitar for use on furlough!**

**Answered prayer for several friends going through serious illnesses!**

**Safety and strength God is giving our co-workers in Madagascar!**

**Ministering in French in Quebec! Provision for a job for Bobby's dad!**

**Support increase for those of our family who are on deputation!**

O give thanks unto the LORD for *he is good*; for his mercy endureth forever. Psalm 136:1

What a precious verse! When meditated on from a place of blessing and answered prayer, David's words make us say "yes, amen!" But what about when other prayers don't seem to be answered? Beside me as I type is some peppermint tea to hopefully abate the nausea from taking steroids for several weeks. We've been to several doctors and still aren't 100% sure what caused a severe skin reaction at the end of September. Being a normally healthy person, this has shaken up my little world. **Is God still good?** My grandma, at 80, might be going through one of the most difficult trials of her life in caring for my grandpa who has dementia. **Is God still good?** As we travel around, we are sounding boards for believers, leaders and laymen alike, who are burdened for our country that is in turmoil from within and without. Our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East are being persecuted. Threats to freedom and seemingly hopeless situations in family, society, and economics abound. **Is God still good?** Yes, *forever*.

The answer doesn't change. Our acting out its truth makes the difference between faith and fear, peace and despair in our lives. This Thanksgiving, we are looking forward to joining hands with our family around a table probably loaded with way too much food. We'll cherish the moments because we've missed this celebration with them for the past three years. We will give thanks to the LORD for He is good...under every circumstance, for all time! What a privilege to belong to Him, to be called by Him for a purpose!

A quick prayer request before we close. January through March, we would like to base in Winston-Salem, NC. We are in need of housing for that time and are asking God to provide just the place.

We appreciate each one of you and love you in Christ!  
Bobby and Joanna Burdett



New Malagasy friends we met in Quebec!