

November 14, 2008

Dear Friends,

We had an election party last Tuesday night. It was a gathering of friends from both parties. We ate dinner together, watched the returns, and listened to the voices of our children as they played together in the backyard. Around 9pm, we shared in a special time of prayer together for our nation and whoever our new president would be. Then we watched as our children released balloons into the night sky with cards attached that said "Praying from Orlando." It was a sweet moment in time acknowledging God's leadership above all as well as our desire to walk closely with Him.



Rich had the chance to 'meet' John McCain and Sarah Palin at Dulles airport!



David's getting bigger every day!

Nicky Gumble said that Jesus has made our lives profoundly worth living. We couldn't agree with him more. Despite the hard things that are happening in the USA and globally, university students around the world are trusting Christ in remarkable ways. We love partnering with you to see their lives being changed for eternity. Next week Rich is traveling to Jordan to meet with his former Campus Leadership Team to train them in how to coach across distances,

something he enjoys doing all the time. With Skype, instant messaging, cell phones and texting it's becoming easier to resource the needs of our international staff. In addition to training them, we want to model this for our staff so they have a vision for using these cutting edge tools in their own ministries.



Kourtney with the boys after playing in the creek!

For example, the other morning, I walked into the kitchen and heard English spoken with a strong Arab accent. No, it wasn't our next door neighbor. It was our friend Aziz talking to Rich via Skype which is software that allows users to make free phone calls via the computer. Rich is coaching Aziz in his role as the National Campus Director of a large Middle Eastern country. It's exciting to know that Rich is having a daily impact around the world no matter where he is.

When Rich returns from Jordan, he'll be welcomed by a houseful of Missionary Kids who are





Joseph's new bike tricks!

having their first or second Thanksgiving in America. We are hosting two of our favorite MKs, Joel and Brooks, college students in Chicago and Washington, D.C. for the week. Our neighbors have the 'girls' house.' Thanksgiving Day will be really special for us as we have the opportunity to be surrogate parents for some of our favorite college students whose parents are serving internationally. The second week of December Rich is off to Buenos Aires, Argentina where he will meet with worldwide campus leaders. Rich will be sharing specifically about how to reach this generation of college students through integrating the internet into the daily lives of our staff.

Our lives are far richer (pun definitely intended) than we deserve. Rich and I have been praying that our family would be a city on a hill during this time of economic and political crisis. As we reach out to students and staff around the world in our ministry, as well as our neighbors and others in our daily lives, we pray that people will experience a peace that is unique and want to know the reason for the hope that lies within us. I do not share this lightly. The past few months have found me wrestling with Jesus. I recently had the opportunity to speak to my mother-in-law's Bible Study about my journey. You can find the notes from my talk on my blog at <http://www.hearditonthestreet.com/kourtney/>. I pray that if you are experiencing fear during this season, God will meet you in a special way.

Rich and I want to let you know how much we appreciate your partnership with our family in our ministry. We do not take your generosity for granted. I am reminded each time I fill up our car with gas, purchase groceries for our family, or buy supplies for a ministry event that we are overwhelmingly blessed with such a faithful ministry team. We are SO thankful that you are our partners. Please let us know how we can be praying for you during this season. You can email us at Kourtney.Street@uscm.org or Rich.Street@uscm.org.

With Love from Your Missionaries,
Kourtney and Rich



Left: Street family at a Fall Festival! Middle: Rich (a.k.a. Ironman) at the Fall Festival! Right: Joseph (a.k.a. Wolverine) at the Fall Festival!

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