



THE CAREW CONNECTION **SEPTEMBER 2020**

Psalm 13:6 KJV

I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

Through last month, we were blessed by our visits to churches and dinner or coffee dates with friends and family, but have you ever had one of those days when you say to yourself, “How could the Lord bless me more?!” because of all He has done for you? Well, so far, the month of September has been that way every day! First, we had our wedding anniversary on September 1, so the Lord has blessed us with __ years together! 😊. Second, a BIG PRAISE is that we were able to have our passport renewals expedited! After hearing nothing but bad news about the prospect of renewing them, we contacted our State District Representative’s office and they helped us through some ‘red tape’ to get the process done. We mailed them on August 29th AND RECEIVED THEM BACK ON SEPTEMBER 4TH! WOW, what a blessing! Now we are anticipating the Lord to overcome the other challenge—receiving our new visas for travel to Chad before our flight date. The same day we received our renewed passports, we prepared everything we needed and promptly mailed them to a service who will oversee the visa application process at the Chadian embassy in Washington DC.



Yes, we have our tickets! Our original date of departure was September 22nd. Just yesterday, we received an email from our travel agent that our flight has been delayed—but only for one day. We are now scheduled to leave on September 23rd and arrive in N’Djamena, Chad on the 24th. That will not be the end of the challenges though! Before we leave, we must be tested for COVID and have a negative test result. When we arrive in N’Djamena we must show a negative test result obtained within the previous seven days. Then our passports will be confiscated, and we must quarantine for seven days—not allowed to even leave the apartment we will be in. We will need one of our Chadian workers to travel to N’Djamena to get food and other items for us during our quarantine. After the seven days, we must go to the hospital and be re-tested. If we have a negative result, our passports will be returned to us and we can go on with our business. The first order of business then will be applying for new 1-year visas. The second will be to go to the bank to withdraw money and renew our expired debit card for our Ecobank account. When these challenges are met, we will continue our journey to our home in Sarh, hopefully by 1 ½ hour Chadian Air flight rather than the 17 hour bus ride!

The blessings have continued over these last few days! Our daughter, her husband and their two children drove from Wisconsin to our place in Sparta, MI to see us before we leave. Rob had to return to Wisconsin to oversee their restaurants, but Dahni and the kids will be with us until Sunday when they take the ferry across Lake Michigan. During the week we had a super time of family fellowship with almost all our kids and grandkids. Our son, Caleb, was unable to come due to his work schedule. We have also been BOUNTIFULLY blessed by the many items and gifts received from various people and churches over these past couple weeks. We both find it hard to believe the Lord has blessed us so tremendously. THANK YOU ALL FOR THE PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!



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