



THE CAREW CONNECTION

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Psalm 31:3 (KJV)

For thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Once again, the Lord has led us and guided us, fulfilling all our needs! We are constantly amazed at the way He works in our lives. We faced the challenge of getting our passports renewed when we were told it may take 2 months or more...the Lord got it done in less than a week! We needed to then send in for new Chadian visas since our 1-year visas had expired while we were in the States...again, the Lord got it done in less than a week! The next challenge was regarding COVID 19. We needed to be tested and have a negative result before we could fly out. We learned after our test that it needed to be within 72 hours of the flight...ours was *four* days prior. The Lord worked this out as well! Since Chad required the test be within 7 days of arrival there, we were allowed to travel. The Lord also gave us a 'heads-up' about another important matter... While calling Delta airlines about our COVID test, we learned that we needed to print out, fill out, and sign a Declaration of Health affidavit in order to travel through France. Every need was accomplished! Challenges to the Lord are just bowling pins to be knocked over.

Many thanks to friends and family who came and helped see us off. We also want to thank Camp Lake Baptist Church, our home and sending church, for their hospitality and use of the church house while we were in the States. Also, a huge THANK YOU to Ministry Motors—check them out on Facebook, especially if you're a missionary in need of a vehicle while in the States. We thoroughly enjoyed the use of the van they supplied for our furlough!

Our flights and layovers went as scheduled and our flights were smooth. From Detroit to Paris the plane was quite full, but from Paris to N'Djamena it was less than 50% occupancy. You would think that would make it more comfortable, but the plane was smaller than that of the over ocean flight and the seats were not as restful. Our worker, Jeudi, met us at the airport with the taxis we had requested, so that went as planned as well. Our thanks to him and to Anna Beth Wivell (Bibles International-Chad) for her great help while we were away and arranging for our arrival! Inside the airport our friends, the airport manager and Dimanche—the chief of police—greeted us. Dimanche was a great help directing baggage handlers to gather our luggage since others are not allowed to enter and help.

Our arrival in Chad was also uneventful and went as planned. We had read that our passports would be taken during our quarantine here, but that was not the case. Our security and COVID test result checks went with no incidents, and all our luggage arrived—and with nothing missing! Les did however manage to leave his laptop charging cord in the church house. Praise the Lord that he had ordered a spare and it had been packed!

Since our passports were not taken as we had thought, we will be able to apply for new 1-year visas sooner than we anticipated, which might make it possible for us to return to Sarh sooner than expected. We plan to have Jeudi travel with our baggage on hired transport. He informed us that the truck/bus ride from Sarh to N'Djamena now takes TWENTY hours of travel. We have already planned to fly via Chadian Air, but Jeudi is in for another long, bumpy trip. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we get back to the business of the Lord's work. Pray for souls to be saved, and for spiritual fruit and growth in the churches! Your prayers and support sustain us day-by-day! In N'Djamena, the capitol, there is internet service, but internet capability has been shut down by the gov't in much of the country so we will not be able to communicate via email or social networks. It may be some time before you hear from us. We believe we will be able to receive texts to our Chadian phone numbers.

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