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A Cell-a-bration!

A.I.T. has a new meaning – Always In Touch!

As promised, much of the week has been spent in lots of research regarding the best cell phones and plans for everyone; to see what the Lord would bring forth. Joanna did the “leg work” with AT&T over the phone placing many calls as information was gained and new questions answered. The specs on the new phones are included in this mailing. Hikari looked up on the internet how cell phones can be used in Iraq and we found that the ones the Lord chose have every feature and frequency needed for anywhere in the world. He knew! Some of that info is in this mailing too. When you do have access to the internet, the site of an organization called “Boots on Ground” is extremely helpful with information & links regarding ALL types of communication to and from Iraq as well as other military related questions.

We have a second “Family Plan” now from AT&T which includes very nice camera phones in the plan price. It is a 2MP camera, which is very good quality for a cell phone. Our first digital cameras were only 1.25 MP! For a very small extra charge, the ability to Text Message and send and receive photos and short videos was added. The first two phones arrived on Friday and one has already been packed up to send to George on Monday. The second will be used here until Andrew comes home (July 11 is his projected leave date) and we switch his present one for this so you will all have the same model phone. We will be getting another phone for Fred by July 25, his homecoming date.

The text messaging was put on both family plans that we have and in a very short time Mother received a text message from Andrew! Mother sent

one back and now Text Messaging (TM) is yet another way we have to keep in touch! Thank You, Father! BA found that we can send text messages from our computers to the phones by sending the message to the (phone) number@txt.att.net. There is a limit of 160 characters per message, But if the message is longer it just turns into two messages, so the messages can be quite informative.

A Miracle Meeting!

Last weekend Andrew wasn’t able to see Adeline, but that didn’t keep the Lord from arranging the most miraculous get-together this week that could possibly be imagined!

On Friday, Andrew was encouraged to visit the infirmary by his fellow soldiers who were afraid they might catch the recurrence of the pink eye irritation Andrew had picked up. He went with a fellow soldier who also needed some minor attention and he was given drops that made his eye feel much better. While they were there and he was finished and waiting for his buddy, who should pop out of another office, but Adeline! She was also sent by her buddies who were afraid her cough might be contagious. (It is NOT pneumonia, just a bronchial cough that may be a slight leftover.) The buddy she went with was still in the office so she also had to wait outside in the waiting room. Of course there is no talking allowed between them but they managed to pass a few notes and agree together that way. Some former battle buddies she had when she first went had been there when Andrew went to find her last weekend and they had passed on to her that he had been looking for her, which was nice. But this isn’t the end of the story! Later at the dfac(dining facility) they saw each other again when Adeline sat down at the same table without even first realizing that Andrew was there! Still no talking, of course. But wait—there’s more!

Later, outside, when Andrew was with his “buddy”, Grell, who had gone to the infirmary with

him, they saw several women talking and Adeline was among them. Andrew pointed out Adeline to him and said that was his sister. Grell immediately said he should go talk to her. When Andrew said he didn't think so because he didn't want them to get in trouble, Grell said, "You won't. If that was my sister I sure would go talk to her!" So they did and Andrew and Adeline were able to visit for about 45 minutes and share the things that have been learned from home.

We thank the Lord very much for arranging all this and for the Staff's encouragement through Grell to "Go talk to her!"

A letter from Andrew said that one of his company had commented on how he was so helpful and always putting others first, and of course Andrew told him who it really is who has those attributes. The Lord is seen in all of you.

George's "Mopping Up!" and "Chemical Warfare" "Operations

have resulted in much nicer quarters for him. His room mate also purchased a shower curtain and bath mat making it more like home for both of them and much more welcoming for the One who is really staying there. We are thankful that he has such nice quarters since he will be living there until September. Eager (as you all are!) to get connected, he has been looking at laptops at the PX and discussing features with Barbara Alice so it appears he will be able to use one there soon. He says he has just had his first class which was an overview of what is to come, no hands on a helicopter quite yet.

Andrew described his new quarters as being on a third floor. A very large room with 10 bunks and lots of space, capable of housing 20 people. But there are only 10 assigned to the room so they each have double the storage space which is very nice for them.

Adeline was able to make a brief call home last night (Sunday 6/1). She reported that she was on a 7 day "Go at your own pace" profile when the unit went on their 6 mile Ruck March and she found that she was well able to keep up and didn't have to fall back or out at all. She is feeling MUCH better this time around! We thank the Lord so much for this!

Fred and Joshu have not yet been able to check in with us this past week so no new reports from them. No doubt it is a busy BCT week! (they all

are!) Joshu was to have a check up tomorrow, (Tuesday 6-3), to give him clearance to go "Down Range" to Basic Combat Training this week. We are agreeing that he will be able to in the PBL!

Sabbath was his birthday and we can tell you now, because it won't spoil the surprise, that we did send him a very appropriate and cute birthday card with all your names and ours here and a message to him from Mother inside.

The pages on communications info are taking the place of picture pages this week because we know that information is very pertinent and will be good to have. For the ones who don't have phones yet it gives a preview of what is coming!

We are very thankful for all that has been accomplished this week, and for all the wonderful ways we are provided for!

Joanna has been learning how to care for the reservoir to help Mother with that. We do need rain. Much garden watering has been done in the evenings when it is cooler and there is time for it. The days are quite warm now and the nights are in the 70's, Mornings are still breezy and cool.

Barbara Alice just brought in a cabbage and some beautiful BIG tomatoes from the garden along with all the sweet cherry ones which were the first to come to the table. And we have a very substantial onion patch! They are ready to harvest and they are the easiest to pick of anything, they just come up to the top of the ground of their own accord and lie there waiting to be picked up with just a slight pull for the roots! Amazing! No need for big bags of onions from Wal-Mart or Sam's for quite a while!

Good bye for now, everyone ...ASF (Always Standing Firm!)

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