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Happy to See You!

George arrived home at 1:15 pm on Friday August 29th. A series of events orchestrated by the Lord got him here much earlier in the day than his original schedule or he would not have been home until after dinner time. His trip from the base to Atlanta enables him to make an earlier plane and his bags were transferred to that flight too so they would arrive when he did. In Houston he got right over to the College Station shuttle and C and BA picked him up at Sam's Club and he was home with plenty of time in the afternoon for a nice visit and then dinner with the family. We do thank our Father for making these extra hours possible!

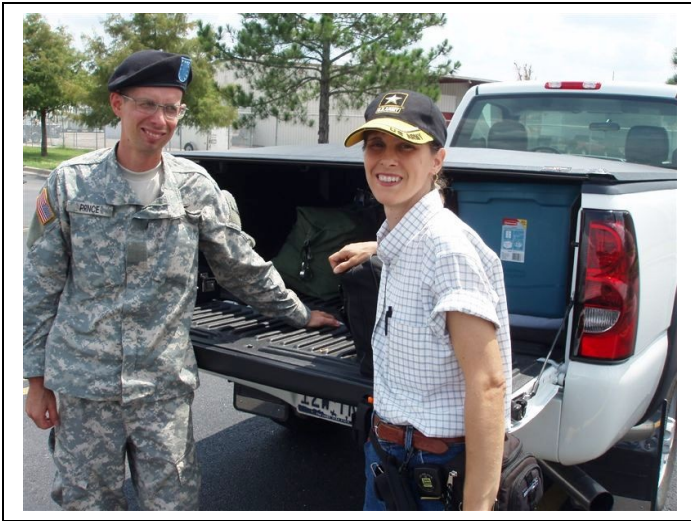
George has been assigned to the 160th Airborne Special Ops part of the 101st Airborne Division. He was asked some time ago if he would like to be recommended for the 160th Special Ops which is considered an elite element of the 101st and has very high standards of performance and character. Over a period of time he had several interviews and was accepted. His orders came through for Fort Campbell in Kentucky for 5 weeks of training and then on to his assigned 160th unit stationed at Hunter Army Airfield near Savannah, Ga. The Airfield is a part of Savannah's Fort Stewart Garrison. He retains the same MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) in the maintenance and repair of helicopter pneudralic systems but will also have very fine opportunities to study, expand and advance in his Army Aviation assignments. We are very thankful that the Lord has opened this opportunity to George and that the Lord's qualities in him are seen and acknowledged in this way. Meanwhile, we are very glad for his time here!



C and George loading up the luggage at Sam's Club



Mother gets a hello hug, or is it the other way around?!



A very happy sister greets George at Sam's Club



Joanna is a very happy grandmother!



And Hikari is happy too!

Another Troop Heard From

Fred had 24 hour Staff Duty on Wednesday, 8-27, giving him time to write an email with some very pertinent observations:

"There is a sergeant here who asked how old I was. I told him 32 and he couldn't believe it. He mentioned several times that that is *old*. He said, "I'm 27 and my back hurts. I tell myself every day

that I'm old." (That could be why he is, but I didn't say that.) But I did tell him that I am not old. He says I am but I shook my head. Whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall NEVER die. I LIVE that. I see more and more that that is a reality. People much younger than I are having painful troubles whereas I have none and more energy and endurance than a lot of people and always enough to do the job, whatever it may be. Several people have said in amazement that it's like I have an inexhaustible supply. Indeed I do. The Lord never runs out of energy. True I get tired, but upon resting I am ready to go again. People want like 9-10 hours of sleep and rarely get it so are sluggish, particularly towards Friday. I wouldn't know what to do with ten hours of sleep. I just can't sleep that long. Am I speaking of myself? No, I glorify God who made this body and the Lord who dwells within this vessel and has made and makes this vessel what it is. **No one** has the endurance, the mental strength to keep on going no matter what, that this vessel has in the Lord."

We do praise and thank our Father for this manifestation of His strength and power in each one of you.

Fred went on to say:

"I am also seeing what the sergeants do and how they really are the backbone of the Army. The men under a sergeant will be the product of that sergeant. If he's lazy, if he doesn't push them to excel, they won't. Every new person needs some direction even if they are motivated. They still don't have experience. I get my training from the Lord both with and aside from the sergeants, so I never lack for appropriate direction. But I am saying I see how sergeants really are the backbone. Officers are administrative; they do the planning and paperwork. They issue orders but rely totally on the sergeants to make it happen. Sergeants, the good ones will become involved in the soldiers' personal lives, because these things affect how they perform their job. I have heard of times where a sergeant made a private take a car back that he had just purchased, because he had been swindled into paying a ridiculous interest amount. Some people are just too young to know how to spend money wisely. In other things, sergeants become like surrogate big brothers or dads to some of these really young privates. Their involvement is that great."

Fred's unit's training for deployment hasn't really started yet but it soon will. He says:

“Right now there are things to do, details and such, mowing grass etc. but things will really start going somewhere as in infantry direction when everyone gets back from their up to two week leave That begins pretty much around now. There will be PT every day so that is good. They do some in the morning and more at 1500 (3 pm) to get people acclimatized to the heat.”

Joshu has been on his pre-graduation FTX week this past week, but had time to write a long letter before he went so we have lots of encouraging news from him too. But before we report on that, we are sure you would all be so happy to know, even during this busy time for Joshu, when BA and C took their evening walk out to the mailbox last Monday, there was an envelope from him waiting there to complete the wonderful celebration we had. The Lord’s perfect timing!

In his letter this week he described an important lesson learned from the Lord during their days of “House Clearing” training. Similar training we imagine to that of which Andrew took all the pictures at his base for the “clearing” training there. Joshu described it in such detail that we could just picture how they do it, and remember all those movies where they kick a door in and then enter, backs to the wall, moving their heads and guns first one way and then another. (Have we seen too many movies? It might not be like that at all!) Joshu describes it this way:

“They clear a room in teams of 4 and each person has what they call a “section of fire” that overlaps with the next person in the room so that all areas are covered. The first man in goes one direction, the second one goes the opposite side of the door, etc. There is a certain way to walk and fire at the enemy and a procedure to “clearing” a room. Everyone was told to start off moving through the procedure slowly at first to make all the movement automatic.”

Joshu said he did not do well at this on the first day, nor on second or third tries, to the point where the DS told him to “get his head where it belongs” or less polite words to that effect. Perplexed at his performance, Joshu took this to the Lord:

“I asked the Lord about it, what was going on? When I was on the bus home the Lord showed what I was doing wrong and what needed to be corrected. In basic words I was trying to think about too many things at once – trying to run before I

walked. More and more I am reminded that this is BASIC training. They cover the basics and expect you to get the rest from your duty station or next school. Once I simplified things I had no problem the next day. To confirm what the Lord showed me, one “Specialist” who is “re classing” and just coming into the platoon, went over the details with me. He asked me what part I was having most difficulty with and I told him what the Lord showed me was the problem – and how to fix it. He had some confirming advice and told me of the things that helped him, which I thanked the Lord for. He also said (advised) that I not let the criticism that can be cruel at times bother me. “Just take the core point of what they are saying and forget the rest.” Again, this was a confirmation of what the Lord was telling me. So I was shown by the Lord to stop taking this whole thing so seriously. Just have “fun” with it and move on. Usually I am so concerned about doing the best possible job but the Lord says to cast your cares upon the Him and He will be your salvation. My whole performance improved drastically the next day. Imagine that!”

In another part of his letter as his basic and AIT training come to a close, Joshu told us of the amazing change and turn around he has seen in so many other situations that were a problem to him.

“There have been some stormy times, particularly at the beginning, but in every situation the Lord was and is glorified. So many, many times man has come up against the Son in this vessel in one way or another but in every situation the Lord has been vindicated. So many times the attitudes have been turned around so completely and totally that it is a night and day difference.

“As this phase of training comes to a close and the days race by I am seeing a remarkable change. I easily remember my last letter and bringing to the Lord the attitudes here that I am surrounded by and how to respond to the numerous questions --- attacks --- that I experience daily. Again, as soon as I put the request down on paper and send it to the COT the answers begin to come. This week I saw ways the Lord turned things around. They say that water drops on rock erode it away eventually. This is what I see here - the water drops of the Lord eroding away centuries of religious garbage. It is subtle and really happens without them realizing it. One thing that is for certain, no matter what is said, the Lord’s presence brings a conviction.

“There was one who had a habit of really snapping at me over the smallest things that I should or shouldn’t be doing. I appreciated the

reminders but the sharp edge to the tone was bothersome after a bit and I committed it to the Lord. There came a point where he told me that he thought it was a mistake that I was raised in a sheltered environment (which comes right up against the Lord and he knew it). He also said that he thought it would be better if I had stayed doing whatever I was doing before because being in the Army was just going to be really difficult for me. ... He flat out told me that when I get to my unit I would be treated as an outcast. (He asserted that I didn't have the ESSENTIAL social skills that build camaraderie which is essential in battle because everyone will work together better.)

"As I reported earlier though, it is obvious that the Lord brings this kind of attitude down every time.

"Later, this same person I was talking to was caused to apologize and admit that he respected the fact that this vessel held a line and would not yield to what everyone else was pushing for. I started out by stating matter of factly that there is nothing that transpired in my childhood that I am ashamed of or regret. In fact, I am very grateful for my upbringing and would not trade it for anything in the world. I went on to reiterate that I did not join the Army to be a liability, (He jumped right in to say that I wasn't a liability) but to put to use those things that I have learned from the Lord in that upbringing. I elaborated a bit more and this is where he apologized. His excuse is that he gets annoyed about things; the day is hotter than hell, his hip is hurting, something someone else does bothers him, he is tired, etc. so he snaps at people. It broke up his marriage and that brought him down a few notches so that he tries to control himself. Also, in the conversation he said to "Just keep doing what you are doing, the Army will have to snap, they have before." He asked if he should snap at me again please don't take it personally."

We thanked our Father very much for this report of His power to change attitudes, and cause the real reason for them, the anger, to be brought out into the Light, in the presence of His Son in His vessels. It was right for that soldier to bring out what caused him to say the things he did, and say he was sorry in the Presence of a Holy God. It always does good.

In another instance, it became very clear that Joshu is seen as the very willing, helpful, highly competent and diligent asset to the Army that he truly is.

"Right off the bat this week DS Westover said that I was NOT to volunteer for details anymore

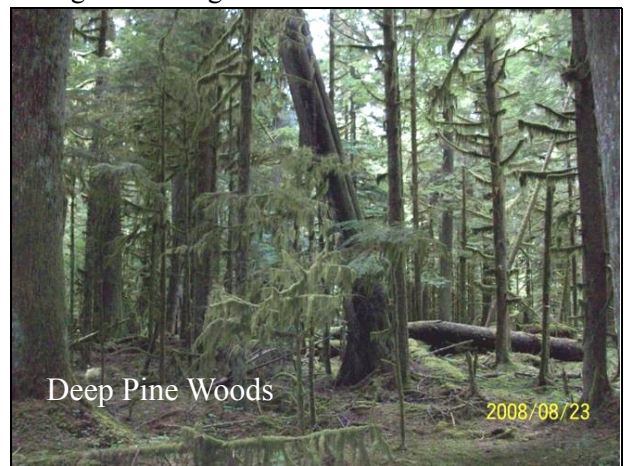
because he was annoyed that so many others didn't and I was the only one who consistently did. To be totally honest, I didn't jump to volunteer for every detail and I let the others either volunteer or be assigned the job. Additionally, I usually volunteered when the DS's weren't around so I didn't think it was noticed. There are others who regularly do what needs doing so again, I didn't think I was doing anything all that extraordinary. It was kind of the first positive acknowledgement that there was a benefit that the Lord represented here that I had not gotten since (my weeks at Reception)."

Joshu surprised us by telling us that the last three of these newsletters have been read by most of the platoon, as one asked if he could read them and it went from there.

"Again, this continued to help turn around attitudes. One night I went down to do the laundry and when I returned I was really very surprised to find that my bunk mate had made my bed. That had to be the Lord because that is the most unselfish thing I have ever seen in the nearly 6 months I have been here. Things ARE turning around!"

We praise and thank You, Father, for these reports of the power of Your Son's Life lived before men in Your vessels.

Last week we promised a few more of the pictures that Andrew took on his hike in Mt. Rainier National Park. Washington State is called the "Evergreen State" because of the density of conifer forests there, particularly on the Western side of the Cascade Mountains that run from north to south and divide the state in half. Mt. Rainier is in the Cascades, the tallest peak, and not far from Fort Lewis. Part of Andrew's trekking was through these forested areas.





Andrew next to a very large moss covered trunk



Where the forest opens up are meadows thick with wildflowers including lupines (only they are called bluebonnets in Texas!)

Fred sent another email with a note about being bored. In the Lord there is no boredom.

“I thank You Father that unlike many others I see around here, I never come to a point where I am bored, I very much enjoy what I do because I am always moving forward and when the direction is lacking from the higher ups, You show how to take initiative and move forward, to accomplish something instead of sitting on my backside.”

And Fred had a few words about the best solution for missed meals at the Defacs (dining facilities) where the meals can be quite good, though nothing is like the wonderfully prepared meals at home.

“I thank you also for the solution you showed, that is quite simple, to the occasional time I miss a meal at the Defac. Your solution tastes much better than the Subways, Burger King, MacDonald’s, Manchu Wok or any other fast food places I have eaten at. People asked me incredulously why I never ate at these places. I told them it was because I had better food. Why would I? They said, how do you know, you’ve never tried it? Well, now I have. I didn’t care for any of them. I didn’t really need to try them to know this. I already knew how they would taste from the unpleasant smell. They sufficed for that one meal but I wanted something that you could actually say tasted good. The Lord’s solution? **Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches!** They are made from ingredients that combined could make several meals but cost LESS than even ONE from these fast food places. The Commissary here is huge and things seem very reasonably priced.”

Thank You, Father; that you do have the right solution for everything! Praise and thank You for the great changes You have wrought since our troops entered the Army, in them, and in all that surround them. These newsletters have been a chronicle of Your power over tremendous odds and obstacles from the outset and that power at work through Your Son in these vessels has brought peace and happiness and thankfulness and confidence in every situation.
Thank You, Father. Amen

Li'l Twuk Progress Report 9-1-08



The hood is installed for testing and shaping the front area around the grill and lights



Headlights and hood seen together. Hood will be "shaped to fit" the light contours.



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Both sets of headlights temporarily installed for mock-up. Amazing how well they fit work!
Special piece fabricated from 22 ga. steel to shape front of fender. Pattern taken from Shiban and D-2 for front curvature.