

News from the Swopes

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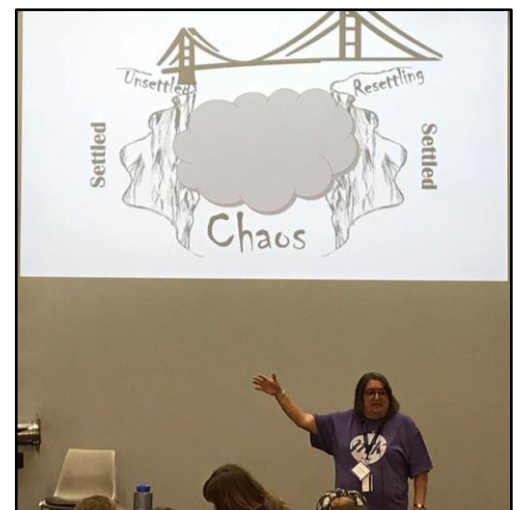
We wanted to take a few minutes in between events to bring you up to date. A busy June took us to southern California for an MK retreat and to Michigan to help debrief a missionary family. We had a short time at home and then traveled to Cedarville University in SW Ohio for a two-week transition seminar with 39 MKs, almost all of whom have graduated from high school overseas within the past two months and have now returned to the US for college. We counted it a great privilege to be able to work with this fun group of people and help prepare them for re-entry.



Tomorrow (Wednesday) we leave for another ten days, this time to Pennsylvania to meet with our Member Care leadership team and then spend time with about 15 missionary families at our mission's Enrichment Conference. We'll get a brief reprieve before we hit the road again from late August through October.

Would you pray for us? We'd appreciate prayer for ...

- Good health: after Steve's neck surgery in January his surgeon "promised" that recovery could take up to a year and that it would be "uneven." The unevenness has been evident lately with increased pain in his back and related problems with balance and pain in his feet and ankles. He has a follow-up with his surgeon and an annual physical scheduled next month. Becky had a bout with vertigo while we were at Cedarville but is feeling better.
- Rest: we've been taking advantage of days at home to get some extra sleep in between trips. We've also scheduled vacation time in September.
- Spiritual growth: we want to "keep our eyes on the prize" and not get so wrapped up in the busyness of ministry that we neglect our inner life and our own relationship with Jesus.
- The MKs and missionary families we've been meeting: for their transitions and adjustments from culture to culture.



Thanks for your encouragement and prayers!

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