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We are continually filled with gratitude that you are willing to help us financially, and that you pray for us. This summer the Lord gave us energy, good health, safety and fruit ... so thank you for your prayers and for the gifts that made it possible. Here is a condensed account of our travels and ministry.

C.A.R. The weeks leading up to our June 14 departure for the Central African Republic were ones of planning and preparation. This included meetings in four churches to share about our trip, and study time to produce the materials we wanted to use in teaching and preaching there. It was an expensive trip, but well worth it. We met Les & Carol Carew in Paris and arrived in Bangui on Saturday June 17. Our plan was to teach and preach in Bangassou, Bambari, Kaga Bandoro and Bangui. These towns all have Bible Schools that serve 40 or more churches. John taught Principles of Administration & Teaching, Paula led a women's Bible study, Carol taught children, and Les contributed devotionals and preaching through interpreters as well as recording the trip in pictures. In addition to teaching, we were able to visit the Ippy Hospital, do a little sightseeing, and spend time with people wherever we went. We couldn't hold seminars in Bangui, but that gave us needed time with Charlie & Gai Jewell. Our observations include:

- God answered prayer and allowed us to meet our three main goals: 1) help our African brothers and sisters; 2) encourage the Jewells; 3) give the Carews a positive missionary experience.
- People were very welcoming and responsive to our seminars. Some pastors walked 50 miles to attend! In the children's classes there were just over 100 who responded to the invitations!
- Without fail we would be asked if we or other missionaries could come back and help. It was hard to see the open doors and not have answers.
- Poverty is greater than ever, due to ten years of sporadic civil war. There are still problems in the north, but great improvements have been made in Bangui, the capital.
- Central Africans face many difficulties, but there is a hunger and respect for God's Word. We left with a renewed commitment to pray for the few current missionaries (Jewells & Polly Strong), and that He would send more laborers into that harvest field.

N.A.F.C. No sooner had we gotten home from CAR, then we left for Ankeny, IA for a week of fellowship at the North American Field Conference for BMM missionaries. Five ministry teams comprise Team North America: Campus Bible Fellowship, Church Planting & Development, Messianic, Mormon, and Native American ministries. We are part of Church Planting & Development because our ministry is vital to producing servants who will plant & nurture churches.

E.B.C. & E.B.B.I. In August we were able to return to ministry with Emmanuel Baptist Church and with Emmanuel Baptist Bible Institute. We helped with VBS, taught Sunday School for two weeks, gave a report of our CAR trip, spoke at two Quebec churches (in French), and started a remodeling project to turn our basement into a girls dorm. It took longer than expected, but the bedroom is done (Tara moved in today, the 4th) and the bathroom should be done this week. Freshmen classes begin September 5, and all other students start the 11th. When you pray for us, please remember the following:

1. Pray for a good school year.
2. Pray we would receive the degree granting authorization that the government promised last year.
3. Pray for our new ministry as dorm parents, plus teaching and other school responsibilities.
4. Pray for John's parents as they travel to MI for a September wedding, and visit us in October.
5. Praise the Lord for answered prayer during our ministry trips this summer.
6. Praise Him for sustaining the Jewells in their work, and for positive reports from Polly Strong.

Your Servants for the Savior,

John and Paula