

### Special points of interest:

- Sept 5: We start 6 weeks of training in Union Mills, NC
- Last chance to win an iPod Shuffle—register your guess for how far we drove this summer on our website
- We hope to leave for Germany at the end of October

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- View our path this summer complete with pictures and blurbs on our experiences
- Timeline of coming events
- Traveling oddities and other quips on our blog
- Ways to give to our ministry

## “I [God] will stand there before you...” Exodus 17:6a

It’s funny how we can go about life without ever thinking how God can use little things to teach us big lessons. Fortunately, while traveling thousands of miles in the car, we’ve had a lot of time to reflect on these “little” lessons and how they apply to our life.

This journey to the mission field has certainly stretched our faith, especially in the area of God’s provision. We know he will provide as he has promised in the Bible, but often it’s hard to live out that knowledge with faith.

Somewhere in Wisconsin, we hit the last of five toll plazas and we were \$.11 short. As we pulled up and asked the toll operator what we were to do, Laura started searching frantically for the quarter she thought she had dropped earlier. Meanwhile, the operator started writing down our information so that we could pay our toll online. As she handed us the slip of paper, we handed her the quarter. It was too late. Later, as we pulled

up to a gas station, Laura realized we had a whole stash of laundry quarters in the back seat. If only we had looked there! The lesson we learned is that God provides for our needs before we even know what to ask of Him, as long as we understand our needs in order to appreciate his provision!

Recently, we enjoyed a sermon on Ex 17:1-7 and realized we have behaved much like the Israelites over the past few months. When things don’t go the way we expected, we often grumble. How quickly we forgot all the Lord has provided for us already! The first thing that struck us was in 17:3 where the Israelites complain they might die of thirst which underlined their lack of faith in God’s provision. How often our words show what our heart really feels! The second thing was as Moses turned to God for help he was given a list of things to do (17:5). Moses wasn’t supposed to sit idly by while God provided the water, God chose to use Moses to provide the water to His

people! Not only that, but he had to obey by faith that striking the rock would produce water and not simply make him look silly! Finally, God promised to go before Moses so that his attempt would not be futile (17:6). This sermon taught us that God provides for us in His timing, sometimes using other people, and only through a reliance in His strength.

The picture on the bottom left shows you a little grasshopper that made his home on the hood of our car from Charlotte to Greensboro at 70 MPH. It couldn’t have been easy, but he hung on for dear life. He made it and we deposited him safely in some bushes. We pray our determination in doing God’s work out of trust in God’s provision is like this grasshopper’s determination to cling to the car. Even when its a struggle, we pray we can plant our feet on Christ our Rock and Savior.

Following His Calling,

Thadd and Laura Davis



**Living out of our car is quite the experience!**



**This little grasshopper held on to our car for 100 miles at 70 mph! Read more about him and his journey in this newsletter.**

### Answered Prayers:

- We have had safe travels and no major incidents
- We have been able to fellowship with many friends and family and continue to be rejuvenated by the Holy Spirit
- God provided pledges towards 70% of our monthly support and we were able to sign up for a 6 week cross cultural training starting Sept 5 (there were still openings!)
- We have renters in our condo!

### Current Prayers:

- God will open other churches and individuals to our ministry
- Safety as we finish our travels along the east coast
- A productive cross cultural training—that we might learn much about living in another country and that we might be open to how God wants to use this training in our lives
- That our next newsletter (November) will report our arrival in Germany!