



# Tooth Tales

A Newsletter of Jack & Jennifer Mitchell



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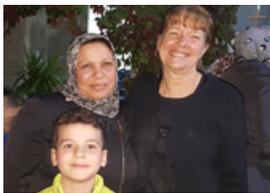
We write this update as we get ready for a time of thanksgiving with our family, we are grateful to be home after a busy time of ministry the past two months. We had two very good overseas ministries during that time but there is no place like home!

We arrived home on October 1st from a two week trip to Zambia which we felt God had especially blessed. We had two weeks to reflect on and pray for all that had happened there before hopping a plane to Lebanon. Again, God did such amazing things! We had waited in vain for two letters of introduction/invitation from contacts in Lebanon that we hoped would explain our bringing so many supplies and pieces of equipment into the country. We knew we might face a big problem going through customs without them. We prayed as we loaded all of our things onto a conveyor belt to be X-rayed, only to have it stop as they moved into the machine. One of the straps on Jack's backpack had gotten caught under the belt and jammed it. It was completely stuck and the line behind us was growing by the minute. Finally, we freed it and the operator of the machine was so frustrated with us that he told us to just take our things and go! The Lord had delivered again!



Treating a Syrian Refugee in Lebanon

We had a great twelve days of ministry in Lebanon treating Syrian refugees. We were working with a small Baptist church, ten miles from the Syrian border, that has been reaching out to them with material aid and with the gospel. It was wonderful to hear salvation testimonies and expressions of gratitude from refugees we were treating but sad to see their tremendous needs.



Special Refugee Friends

We realized anew how greatly God has blessed us and how much easier our lives are than these needy people. But, humbled by war, loss of home and family members and unwanted in their country of refuge, some Syrians are turning to Christ! Because so many refugees have fled over the

mountains to Lebanon, it has placed a tremendous burden upon the economy of this country and plans are being made to move them out as soon as possible. Please pray that the window of opportunity for them to be reached with the gospel, opened by the war, would remain open a while longer.

On our day off, we took an excursion to the north of Lebanon, in hopes of finding the ancestral village of Jack's maternal grandparents. With not much to go on we ended up at the home of the mayor in one village who had the same last name as Jack's mother and is more than likely a cousin! He told us that the village was undoubtedly Jack's grandparent's home village. We were able to tell him that we were born again Christians and left him with a tract.



Searching for Record of Jack's Grandparents

Arriving back home on October 30th, we repacked our clothes and left two days later for the Midwest to participate in a Bible conference, a commissioning service for missionary friends and to give ministry updates in two supporting churches. These twelve days were precious as we were also able to spend a little time with family and friends.

After a quick trip to Pennsylvania this weekend, we are home until January when we head to Benin, West Africa for two weeks of ministry at the Benin Clinic, which opened in August.

We're grateful for God's presence and protection as we have travelled so many miles recently. How greatly we have been blessed through it all. How generous God has been to us! We praise Him from Whom all blessings flow!

Sincerely in Christ,

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