

THE COX FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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TEXAS SUNRISE OVER FAMILY FARM



Micah Joy, Paul, Miriam, Donna & Nehemiah

THE COX FAMILY IN TEXAS

As many of you know, our Kenya work permits were not renewed and we are transitioning to Denton, Texas (cox-net.com/2017.11_Cox.htm). After all of the moves we have made this sounds easy enough! We arrived in stages through out December. We are now in April and we still feel like we are spinning. We are so grateful to have had Donna's family farm East of Gainesville, Texas as a place to land. It has provided some stability to our spinning world.

We had hoped to send you a newsletter with the details of how the transition had worked out earlier. But with so many things in transition we feared giving any specifics knowing whatever we said might change.

Over the years we have discovered it takes time to find the drumbeat of each culture we transition to. Donna recently read it this way "It takes time to arrive; body and soul." While we are still in the process of arriving, we have arrived enough to write a newsletter, albeit we are writing much later than we wanted. Our deep apologies for dropping off the face of the world for a while.

WHAT IS HAPPENING

As mentioned in our November e-newsletter (cox-net.com/2017.11_Cox.htm), Paul is still working with Africa Theological Seminary (ATS). His classes have been rearranged so that he can teach them by returning to Kenya twice a year and staying for a couple of months each time. His first trip back will be in May. Paul will be teaching the same number of classes just in two concentrated periods. This will be a different rhythm for him. He also will continue his work on cultural bias in New Testament interpretation via his PhD. In addition, he will work on raising scholarships funds for ATS students.

**PAUL STILL
TEACHING AT
ATS**

The plan was for Donna to continue teaching her classes and writing with ATS. Quite miraculously an opportunity opened up for Donna to teach at the University of North Texas' (UNT) Early Childhood Development Laboratory (childdevelopmentlab.unt.edu). This

really was not in our plan, but we see at as part of God's divine provision of great health insurance benefits and additional income. Donna will continue writing for ATS and following / funding the children's ministry work she started in Kenya.

**DONNA STILL
WRITING FOR
ATS
PLUS WORKING AT UNT**



NEW HOME

As part of our long term planning it seemed prudent to buy a house. We started looking and doing research on houses back in September. Our hope was that once we arrived in December we could move quickly to get in a house. Three offers and one failed contract later, we have a house in Denton, TX. However, we are doing a few updates and could not move in after closing. We are anxious to get moved in and to cease our life out of suitcases. Hopefully by the time you read this we will be in the new house and by mid-April the updates will be completed.

PRAYER

Adjustment to the different rhythms of this season

God's provision in this new phase of ministry and life

PRAISES

New home

Donna's new job

THE COX KIDS

Nehemiah is still working at Ford Audio Visual and living between Dallas and Fort Worth. We LOVE seeing him regularly. Micah Joy will finish her first year at Oklahoma State in May. She has had a GREAT year! Miriam has been volunteering at a home school ministry at one of our supporting churches and working on getting a driver's license. As soon as we move to Denton she will look for a job and plans on starting summer school at the local community college. She has many decisions to make in the near future.



SUPPORT

To those who have continued supporting us through this transition, thank you very much. In order for us to continue our involvement with ATS and children's ministry in Africa, we will continue raising financial support. With this transition to the USA there has been a significant drop in our support. If the Lord puts supporting us on your heart please fill out the enclosed card and mail it to ICM, see cox-net.com/get_involved.htm or get in touch with us.

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