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We are enjoying lovely fall weather here in Kosciusko County, Indiana. The deciduous trees are beginning to change colors and we appreciate the beauty of God's creation.

School has started, of course, and we are very, very busy, just like most active American families. Pam works Tuesday, Wednesday and half day Friday at Zondervan Christian Bookstore. She is enjoying that very much. It gives her contact with many nice people and allows her to be better informed about Christian literature. Pam still does the bookkeeping and part of the billing procedure at my law office. She is also active in Christian Women's Club and works with me to head the Olympian Word of Life program for the children at our church.

Nikki is in eighth grade. She is four inches taller than Pam now and she is quite a lady. We are still a bit incredulous about having a teenager for a daughter. We praise the Lord that Nikki is a stable, growing, committed Christian gal and that she seems to be far more mature in her spiritual walk than one would expect for a girl her age. She just had her ears pierced this past weekend. Nikki is a member of the honors band, the eighth grade band, 4-H, and she is very active in the Word of Life youth group at our church.

Laura is in second grade at Warsaw Christian School. She also is growing, but not quite as dramatically as Nikki. Laura participated this past summer in the junior 4-H program at the county fair. Laura has become an enthusiastic fisherman. Many a day she goes to our pier on Winona Lake and fishes for extended periods of time. She is rather successful too. She caught a large mouth bass the other day approximately twelve inches long. She specializes in pan fish though.

My law practice continues to grow and provides a base for some significant ministries. We have seen some clients come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ recently. Thereafter there are natural discipleship opportunities. I am active in Unlimited Potential, Inc., which is an evangelistic Christian ministry which uses the platform of athletics to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ. I am also active in the Lakeland Childhood Evangelism Fellowship and the Warsaw Area Christian Businessmen's Committee. Pam and I consider one of the more significant ministries we have to be the Olympian program at

Pleasant View Bible Church. We have grades first through sixth and have an opportunity to reach these young people with Scriptural truth and participate in their lives in wonderful ways.

Most of the work on our house has been completed, but there still are a myriad of little projects which are sort of nagging at me. Debbie Garrick, the daughter of Pastor Gene Garrick of Tabernacle Church of Norfolk, Virginia, is spending the year with us. She is attending Grace Seminary in the Biblical counselling program. Her room is one of the rooms that is not yet fully completed. Also the study which adjoins her room is not done. I am sure life will be a little more pleasant for her after I have the time to complete those projects. We still have our thirteen year old dog Dandy and she is in remarkably good health although she cannot hear at all.

On November 7, Lord willing, I will be leaving America to travel to Penang, Malaysia. I lose a day traveling to the Far East. I will be in Tokyo the night of November 8 on a flight layover. I will have the blessing of meeting with Kunio Takei, a Japanese Christian friend, that evening. On the morning of November 9 I travel to Penang, Malaysia. There I will be with Tom Roy, director of Unlimited Potential, Inc., and Dave Pollack, director of Interaction, Inc. This will be during the MKOS conference where the headmasters of international Christian schools from the eastern hemisphere will be meeting. We are looking forward to this opportunity to present the ministries of UPI to these representatives from many countries of the world, with the hope that the Lord will open many doors for expanded international ministry for UPI. Then on November 12 I will travel to Japan. As soon as I arrive in Tokyo I will board a train to travel to the city of Gifu, in Gifu prefecture, to spend a short time with Dave and Donna Brown and their family. The Browns are very intimate Christian friends and they were ministering in Takamatsu at the same time we were there in Takamatsu. Then on November 14 or 15 I will travel by train to Takamatsu where I will stay with Ralph and Stella Cox, missionaries who have been laboring in Shikoku for almost thirty years. I am looking forward to speaking with an interpreter to special evangelistic meetings and to other gatherings for Christian witness and ministry. I am also looking forward to fellowshiping and encouraging a number of Japanese believers whom we saw come to a saving knowledge of Christ while we were there in Takamatsu. On November 22 I will be returning to America. I am so excited about this upcoming trip that "I could pop!"

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We thoroughly enjoy living in northern Indiana. Warsaw is a very fine small community and we attend a dynamic Bible-believing church. I also have the opportunity to continue some part-time studies at Grace Theological Seminary. Grace is a fantastic seminary and I am thankful for the chance I have to benefit from it. We will appreciate any communication we can receive from you.

Sincerely,

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