



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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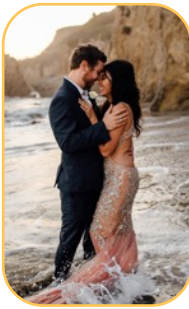
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Evacuation

The beginning of July found us evacuating the mountain due to the "Burrow Fire". The fire was started on the southeast side of the mountain, but due to the extremely dry conditions, was spreading quickly. The terrain was very difficult to negotiate on foot requiring an air assault. Since our truck was still at the mechanic getting the transmission rebuilt, we were forced to leave our house (RV) and possessions behind.

We prayed for the Lord's protection and left the mountain. Day after day the fire grew with no end in sight. Many people asked us about our stuff and our feelings about the possibility of losing them. Our answer always remained the same...God is in control. And He is whether we acknowledge it or not. Jesus has never let us down and this would be no different.

Shortly after arriving in Phoenix we received a call from our son Josh, asking us to join him and his fiancée' Jess in California so they could exchange their marriage vows. Of course we went, as did our son Curtis. Ethan & Wyatt were a part of the ceremony. Josh and Jess enjoyed their moment in the surf on Malibu beach.



It was a beautiful and unique service, standing barefoot in the coming tide as the sun was setting, a guitar playing in the background. We pray for this young couple everyday.

In the days surrounding the ceremony we had the opportunity to spend some quality beach time with our grandchildren. Josh & Jess rented a house on the beach, so we had ready access to all that fun. Combing the beach looking for sand dollars and pretty shells, enjoying the surf and God's creation.



Here is Khloe playing in the water, Ethan & Wyatt eating at a beachside cafe. Out of bad things the Lord brings forth good things. Had we not left the mountain due to the fire we would not have been able to get the time off to be a part of this celebration. We enjoyed spending several days with our sons and grandchildren.

The monsoons came in with gusto a week later and extinguished the fire. We were able to return to our home and found that all was well. The fire had come to about a mile from where we live and work at Whitetail Campground. A few days later our truck was finished and was delivered to us on the mountain. It was almost as if the Lord wanted to show us again that He is in control and for us to have faith in Him. So in the end God was glorified by His love for us and His desire to show that love through the little things we need in life like special times with loved ones.



Rain came to our campground and did not want to leave. We received about two inches each day for more than three weeks. It rained and hailed so hard it eventually found a leak in the roof and Bill had to reseal it. We also had three lightning strikes in the campground. One of them hit a bathroom and tripped all of the breakers in the other sites. Most of our campers were tough and stayed through it all. It did make cleaning the sites a little difficult though.

Bill's sister took this photo this summer while vacationing on Lake Powell. It speaks volumes of a loving God that shows that love daily in so many ways. It completely astounds us that so many



people refuse to acknowledge that we live on a designed planet within an unbelievable universe created by a loving God for His children to enjoy. Those same people that deny God say that all of this beauty happened by chance, randomly brought together over millions of years. The saddest part in all of this is the fact that they are missing out on the best part of being alive on this planet. And that is having a one-on-one relationship with our Creator while we live out our lives for His glory. In the end when their life is done, they will bow their knee to the Lord Jesus before judgment is passed, and acknowledge Him as Creator and King. Then they will be forever separated from the God they denied all of their life and spend eternity wishing they could go back and fix it. How sad it will be for them to know it is not possible to undo a lifetime of self indulgence lived out on this earth with nothing more important to them than the lust of life lived daily for personal gain.

Those of us who KNOW Jesus may live our lives without so many of the "things" we're told we deserve. But we also know that our lives, lived in service to the Lord today, brings us and Jesus closer together. We would never give up the pleasures we receive from God as we serve Him just to enjoy the pleasures of this world. It is simply not worth it! We continue to pray for our family members, friends, and those the Lord brings into our lives. We ask the Lord to free them from the enemy.



Please pray with us as we prepare for our ministry this winter. We have sought the Lord's direction and feel this is where He desires for us to serve. We will leave Mt Lemmon the first of November and travel to Texas where we'll serve with SOWER's at five different work projects. In December Cindy will fly back to Phoenix to be there for the birth of our granddaughter. Bill will remain in Texas.

Thank you for standing with us as we serve the Lord

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