

GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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Bible Study

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1:1-5

We have started our weekly Bible study. We meet Monday, Wednesday, & Friday evenings and are working verse by verse through the book of John. We like to do an in-depth word study including cultural relevance and historical background. We also use the rest of the Old and New Testaments to realize the heart of what the Lord is wanting us to know about Himself, His Son, and our relationship and responsibilities as a follower of Christ. The study is open to anyone who wishes to grow in their knowledge and faith. Bill loves to teach from the book of John; he says it is jam-packed with deep spiritual information that everyone needs to know. Not that the rest of the Bible doesn't have those qualities, just that John is so easy to read and understand. Please pray with us for people to attend who truly desires to learn and grow in the faith.



We have settled in to our winter location. We are east of Apache Junction at Donnelly's Riding Stables. We have a 360 degree

panoramic view of majestic desert mountains. The Superstitions due north of us inspire the reality of God's desire to show His power and beauty. We are dry camping. In a lot of ways we have gone back to the life we were living in Belize. No public utilities or conveniences. Shelly does provide us with a well for our water, but our electricity is provided by the sun through our two solar panels. Something we wish we had back in Belize. Being in the desert does give plenty of bright sunshine most days.



Ranch Repairs

Moving to the ranch provides two major components to our life and ministry in the U.S. First and foremost is the ability to teach Bible classes, but it also provides us with a place to park our RV and live without paying rent. Most RV places charge fees, as much as \$500 per month. Shelly does not charge us to live here, so Bill helps out around the ranch where he can. Building gates, repairing fences, pouring sidewalks just to name a few so far. We feel it is essential that we present a strong

Christian witness to those around us. We also feel it is just as important to be good stewards of the resources/finances God provides. We know that our faithful financial supporters give sacrificially to the work the Lord has called us to. So we also give of ourselves to make their sacrifice go even further by reducing our living expenses where we can. And of course Bill does enjoy building things and seeing the fruit of hard work.

Snakes & snails & puppy dog tails, that's the things boys are made of. Of course on a ranch in the desert there is ample opportunity for at least the snake part of that rhyme. Ethan found this big guy one afternoon while we were looking for some firewood.



Bill was able to dry the snake skin, put it on a board, burn the board with Shelly's brand and then give it back to Ethan for his ninth birthday present on Dec. 1st.



Mississippi / Chicago

The Lord provided a long overdue opportunity for Cindy to visit family. First stop Biloxi Mississippi where she spent time with her mother, Dotty. They enjoyed the chance to catch up as they had not seen each other since 2013. Together they drove to Illinois to spend Thanksgiving with Cindy's sister, Patti, whom she had not seen in over 6 years. One of the things we really miss out on by being overseas missionaries is the chance to be a part of our family member's lives. Cindy was blessed to be able to spend a few weeks doing just that.



In closing this month's newsletter we want to thank everyone for your prayers & support for us and the ministry the Lord has called us to. Without you we would not be able to devote ourselves to full-time ministry. We would also ask you to be praying for the people we see everyday and their willingness to seek the Lord.