

ALONG THE WAY...

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current standards, which began in 2007. With our present dates of beginning and ending DST, DST takes up about 65% of the year.

Unknown to me, during the past 41 years that I have been visiting Uruguay with EMU, Uruguay has participated in DST more than half of those years. Until today, I thought they practiced it every year! This explains why I was often at a loss as to the time difference between Uruguay and Greenville, SC. And, I just learned that the Uruguayan government has followed a growing number of countries by deciding not to use DST – for the last two years!

There are minor and major changes, scheduled and unscheduled changes, expected and unexpected changes, and almost any combination of those three pairs.

A major, unscheduled, unexpected change struck our immediate family at the beginning of September. Knowing that many of you are already privy to this news, I thought it best to inform those who have not heard, but would want to know. Our oldest daughter, **Caroline Floyd**, was diagnosed with cancer on September 7. She is past her operation and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. Although there are many folks in Florence, SC, helping Caroline and **David** with the two children, **Bella** and **Carson**, and with appointments, **Joan** has also been able to help by caring for the kids a few times over the past two months, both by having them stay with us at our house and by traveling to Florence. In spite of this change for the Floyd family, Caroline is continuing to homeschool their children and lead as normal a life as possible. Caroline wrote a blog post about her experience thus far and posted it on their family blog, Floydfam.Wordpress.com. Whether or not you know Caroline personally, I highly recommend “*An Unexpected Journey*.” The contents should be encouraging to anyone who is going through, has gone through, or will go through a life-reflecting event. For Caroline’s sake, we ask that you not send her literature or testimonials on cures for cancer. David, her husband, is a nurse anesthetist, and their family is surrounded by medical experts who know and love them. *But* Caroline’s family – including Joan and I – do appreciate your prayers.

Another major, unscheduled, unexpected change took place in Hyderabad, India, in the **Judsons’** ministry. The major, scheduled, expected **360 National Men’s Conference** had to be cancelled. It was supposed to be held November 7-10 at a new Christian conference center in Hyderabad. However, not only was the campus not ready, it wasn’t even close! The several hundred people who signed up to attend the conference and paid their fee, received refunds. Another “glitch” was that the sum needed to underwrite the balance of the conference was not fully raised. So, things have worked out for the best. Five of the guest speakers for the conference,

who already had their plane tickets, decided to visit India anyway to teach in several different venues that Billy Judson oversees. EMU missionary, **Ted Allston**, flew out of the States on Monday, November 6, to be with Billy for two weeks. Ted was supposed to leave on Sunday afternoon, but after several airline delays, his flight was eventually cancelled and rescheduled for Monday. This is Ted’s 7th trip to India.

The Coles’ house-hunting in Bordeaux, France, has been a study in the uncertainties of foreigners renting a house in France. There were quite a few “approvals” that had to be acquired before the bottom-line was signed. Michael and Liz would get partway to the bottom-line, then someone would throw up a stop sign that put an end to renting the desired house. However, they have finally found a house that is agreeable to all participants. The house is 11-minutes from the Baptist Church of Pessac and enough bedrooms for the Cole family and company – hopefully, Joan and me! The Coles plan to move on November 20. And pray especially for the Coles’ children as they are leaving their church friends and school classmates. Also, **the Bixbys** are losing the close companionship of their longtime friends – the Coles.

The Crowley family is in for a major, scheduled, expected change on November 22. **Jenna**, the youngest Crowley daughter, will be married to **Zachary “Zack” Richards**. This new couple will live in the Greenville, SC, area, where both of them currently work. And, hopefully, they will continue to attend Hampton Park Baptist Church where two other Crowley siblings attend along with their families. JD, Kim, and Nate fly into Atlanta on November 12 and leave from the same airport on the 28th.

October 8-14, **JD** was in **Burma** where he taught Church Planting from the Book of Acts in a Bible college. **Rick Bartosik**, a good friend of JD from Hawaii, also taught.



*Bible College in Burma
JD Crowley on back row*

Then, November 5-9 was the **Pastors’ School in Ban Lung, Cambodia**. The following is an excerpt of an email from JD that tells just a bit about the school:

“Three years ago, the idea of teaching Systematic Theology to the tribal and Khmer leaders was only a dream. Now it is history. In God’s kindness, the 3-year project to translate/adapt Bruce Ware’s simple Systematic Theology, and then create a new, college-level training program, and then actually implement it, has been a success. The students sensed



*2nd semester of the Pastors’ School
the greater seriousness and urgency of this new program and have risen to the occasion with greater commitment and enthusiasm than ever before.*

“EMU missionaries (JD Crowley, Brian Kane, Jeremy Farmer, Josh Jensen, and Matt Hancock) taught a total of 18 of the 30 lessons. This was Matt Hancock’s first time to teach in the Bible school, and he gave the students a clear and Spirit-empowered presentation on doctrine.

“Along with theology I taught a daily mini-lesson on church history and the Reformation. I’ve never seen the men up here as animated and excited about any subject, mostly because it was their first time to understand this history and these issues. Every day we sang A Mighty Fortress in Khmer. The voices were strong and resonant.

“The next session of the Pastors School in May will cover Jeremy Farmer’s own Biblical Theology text that we are now working on.”

One last blurb from a missionary in Cambodia is by **Amy Jensen**, who lives with her husband and four children in Oyadao, a Khmer town near many Jarai villages.



Amy (left) with Jarai Sunday school teachers

“Every other Friday afternoon I get together with the ladies who teach the ladies’ Bible class at our [Jarai] church. Right now we’re going through the book of John. Each week, I go over two lessons with the ladies, and then they teach the lessons the following Sundays. We communicate in Khmer, but the ladies teach the class in Jarai.”

Josh Jensen continues to do preliminary work on the Jarai language in preparation for translating the Bible into a Cambodian style script. The Jensen family continues to pray about the possibility of moving into a Jarai village to better immerse themselves in

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