



Jeff & Diane Brown working to lengthen the list of tribes, peoples, and languages that worship God

Writers' Corner ~

The book "Voices of the Faithful", by Beth Moore, is a collection of 366 daily devotionals written by overseas workers. Diane wrote the devotionals for the dates of August 15th and August 22nd. Because Diane's two devotionals appear in August, Diane is the August voice online for Voices of the Faithful. Go to: voicesofthefaithful.com/devotion.htm and scroll down to the August update (D.B., Central Asia) to hear her disguised voice talking about what God has done since she wrote these devotionals. "Voices of the Faithful" is available in book stores. All proceeds from the book go directly to support overseas workers.

In addition, Women of the Harvest's "Online Magazine" has selected Diane's article on the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, entitled "View from the Balcony" as the cover story for its September-October issue. It should be available online beginning the first of September. Go to: www.womenoftheharvest.com/publications_home.asp, click "Online Magazine" and register to read it.

Mr. McEntiee and His Super Sniffing Hands ~ by Alyssa

Mr. McEntiee sat at his desk tapping his pen on the chocolate colored desk. His eyes began to droop as he watched the students work silently. Suddenly electric yellow light flashed over the room. He fell back in his chair, rubbing his eyes as he got up. Mr. McEntiee looked around at what were once his classroom and diligent students, but were now nothing but pitch-black tunnels leading to unknown rooms where more tunnels lay waiting.

Faintly he heard screaming children, "Help! Mr. McEntiee! Help!" He knew in that moment the children were in trouble. He tried to remember something of his child-hood, back when he had lived on the planet Zortoxongogen. He remembered the secret dance and started doing the hokey pokey: "you put your left foot in, you put your left foot out...something something something ...that's what it's all about." When he was finished his once ordinary hands were transformed into the heads and muzzles of bloodhounds.

"Help." The dogs heard the faint voice once and they put their noses to work. The amazing hands found each child one by one in small panels in the wall; strangely they all had some sort of scrape, scratch, or bruise. When they recovered the very last student there was another mysterious flash of light and they were all back in their classroom.

At the end of the day the children all left with a huge amount of homework, but strangely Mr. McEntiee was still not satisfied. He realized what he had to do, then began his quest to find the source of the mysterious light...

Alyssa wrote the story in the box for school. [Jeff & Daniel don't write much, if they can help it. L]

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Keep in Contact with Us on the Web ~

We also have a new website address. Go to: www.BrowNews.org and check it out. We continue to add to it little by little. We hope to have more photos available through this website soon. A recent addition is a primer on Ramadan. We are currently in the middle of the holy month of Ramadan, the month of fasting. Here are just a couple of the more than 70 rules for fasting we list on the site that Muslims are supposed to observe:

à If a person unintentionally swallows something that is stuck between his teeth, or if it is so small that he could not tell it was there or spit it out, this is counted as being part of his saliva and it does not break his fast. But if it is big enough to spit out, he should spit it out. If

he spits it out, this is OK, but if he swallows it, this breaks his fast. If it can be diluted in the mouth, in whole or in part, and it has an added taste or sweetness, it is haraam (bad) for him to chew it. If any of this substance reaches the throat, this breaks the fast. If a person spits out water after rinsing his mouth, his fast is not affected by any moisture or wetness that is left behind, because he cannot help it.



our kids & friends at a mosque

à For a traveler to be allowed to break his fast, certain conditions must be met. His journey should be lengthy, or else be known as traveling (although there is a well-known difference of opinion among the scholars on this matter), and should go beyond the city and its suburbs. (The majority of scholars say that he should not break his fast before he passes the city limits. They say that a journey has not really begun until a person passes the city limits, and a person who is still in the city is "settled" and "present".

More Traveling ~

We spent most of the summer in the United States. It sure is a... different kind of place. We enjoyed our time there, and our kids were really ready to get back home, to cats and friends and all. June was a whirlwind. We landed in California wine country to stay with the family of Diane's oldest sister on their lavender farm, just in time to work at and enjoy their 3-day lavender festival. We left there for Virginia to attend training and debriefing with our organization. On the way from there to our base in Lincoln, Nebraska, we stopped to vacation in Washington, DC, one of the places Jeff has lived. We all had a fabulous time there, making life-long memories along with Jeff's friend Alex from his homeless days in the 1980s who is still there on the streets. Then it was on to Lincoln. July included some excursions in the Midwest. Alyssa and her parents spent the 4th of July holiday in Jeff's hometown of Osceola, Iowa. Daniel, Jeff, and Grandpa Brown rode their bicycles for nearly 300 miles on four days of RAGBRAI, the oldest, longest, and largest bike ride in the world. It was Daniel's first time, and he's psyched to go again some time. Jeff and Daniel went on an incredible 4-night father-son backpack trip to the mountains at the continental divide in Colorado sponsored by our sending church in Lincoln. Then Daniel went on a trip to Kansas City with the church youth group to a pro baseball game and the Worlds/Oceans of Fun amusement park. Before leaving the states we were able to visit Diane's mother and stepfather in Iowa and her father and stepmother in Indiana when Diane and Alyssa attended her stepbrother's wedding reception in Chicago.

Okay, back in Asia, Jeff just returned from meetings Afghanistan and all of us but Daniel go to Turkey in a few days for two weeks! If we can ever find our camera again, we'll take some pictures there.

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