

Dear Friends,

A quick note so you can share our joy! Matthew's Mock Trial Team (including Joshua, Anna, and 4 others) won the State Tournament on Saturday! Eighteen teams representing various regions throughout the state competed Friday and Saturday in four separate trials (each team has to prepare and present both plaintiff's and defendant's sides). They determined the top two teams based on points and the two homeschool teams from Chattanooga came in first and second in the state! The final round was awesome as the coach (for all 8 Chattanooga homeschool teams - attorney Jeff Atherton) prayed with the two teams before they started and told everyone - "this is family, but don't hold back".

Matthew's team edged out the other, and will now be the Tennessee representative to the National Tournament in St. Paul in May. This has been Matthew's dream for four years. When it was over, Matthew said to everyone, "I think it would be appropriate to say again our motto for this year in mock trial: "God gets the glory, Mr. Atherton gets the credit, and we get the fun." This is the "ultimate" for two budding lawyers still in high school.

Phil is doing seven sessions at Boca Raton Community Church this week, with Matthew, Joshua, and Anna adding their comments on discipleship, building relationships, accountability, and various other subjects. Please pray for their effectiveness in this wonderful church and that people will make application of the principles Phil and the kids share.

On Thursday, March 21 Phil will be giving his testimony in Fort Lauderdale at a CBMC Outreach Luncheon. Please pray for much fruit.

We have a new church family in Lahaina on Maui. They so appreciated the two weekend seminars we did - on marriage the first weekend and on parenting the next. They took us in like we were family and asked us to come back next year! We had a restful and renewing time in between the two seminars. In his sermon on Sunday, "Living on the Edge" Pastor Craig Webb shared the Japanese version paraphrase of Psalm 23 and as it gave a freshness to an old favorite, I thought I would share it with you:

"The Lord is my pacesetter, I shall not rush.  
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.  
He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity.  
He leads me in the way of efficiency through calmness of mind and  
His guidance is peace.  
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish this day I  
will not fret for His presence is here.  
His timeless all importance will keep me in balance.  
He prepares a refreshment and renewal in the presence of my  
activity by anointing my mind with His oil of tranquility.  
My cup of joyous energy overflows.  
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of my hours for  
I shall walk in the pace of my Lord forever."

Phil had a quick turnaround. He was home about 12 hours and headed to Lost Valley Ranch and 3 inches of snow to speak last Friday to sixty pastors and leaders on the subject of the Biblical Principles and Strategies for Building Leaders and Disciples in the Church. He has already received two emails with comments like "you touched my life" and "I got a great deal of insight and inspiration from the things you mentioned."

It is the greatest privilege in the world to be serving the Lord through DNA. Thank you for your part.

Sincerely in Christ,

Susy