

Wiebes' Wavelength

Child Evangelism Fellowship® Atlantic Canada

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Dear Friends:

The Bible in many locations describes our life here on earth as a pilgrimage—we're merely passing through. This is not our final destination. For those of us who were brought up singing hymns, there are a lot of songs about being pilgrims. Of course, the best-seller Pilgrim's Progress is an allegory about this as well. We're not to become too enamored with the world that we forget that Heaven is our home and final destination. Our Christian life is to be focused on sending treasures to Heaven, not gathering up material benefits here on earth.

We left New Brunswick on February 5th and spent the next 10 days visiting family, friends and supporters in the USA. What a joy to see each one and catch up on all the many happenings while we were apart. This year, we learned of quite a few that had recently passed on to glory. What a glorious homecoming for them! We arrived in Manitoba on February 15th.

On Sunday morning, February 23rd about 4am, we received the following text from our son Jonathan. "Gatlin Makena Wiebe was born at 3:13 this morning. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Gatlin comes from the old English, gaedeling, which means wanderer, steadfast companion and from the Middle High German, referring to an affiliation with God, godly or divine. Makena is derived from the Meru community in Kenya and means the one who is happy or the bringer of happiness. In short: a happy, godly wanderer/pilgrim! It was very difficult to go back to sleep after that! We are so happy for them. We want to thank each one of you who prayed for them, last year after the stillbirth of their son Barabbas and during this pregnancy as well.

Later that day, during my devotions, Jeremiah 9:2 impressed itself on my mind. "Oh, that I had in the wilderness a lodging place for wayfaring men, that I might leave my people and go away from them!" Jeremiah was overwhelmed with grief that God's people no longer worshipped or obeyed Him. He wanted a place of retreat to reconnect with God. Our prayer for Gatlin is that she will early learn about the Lord Jesus and make Him her Saviour and that no matter where she may roam or wander, that she will remember her real home is Heaven and live a life that pleases God.

We have spent the last few weeks getting the basement apartment in our house here, ready for a new tenant. Each Sunday we have ministered in a different church. We have had various other visits and meetings. I taught a lesson about George Washington Carver at a children's club as well. During this time, we've been staying with Jonathan and Lyn and baby Gatlin. While Ron was in the US, attending a Men's Conference—Shepherd's Conference, with John McArthur's Ministries, I was busy cuddling my newest granddaughter!

We left Manitoba on March 8th, and gave a report at a church in Kenora that morning. After a delicious potluck meal, we started driving back to New Brunswick. Our plans are to jump back into our regular ministries and possibly do some maple syruping if the weather cooperates. We will continue with teaching about creation to the children in our weekly club. This has been an interesting challenge, as we are studying out about 3 lessons per day of creation and trying to make it relevant to the children. I'm hoping to end with a lesson on some of God's great promises to His children that are tied to His creation work. This will take us til the end of April.

JUST RECEIVED NOTICE THIS HAS BEEN CANCELED AND RESCHEDULED FOR NEXT YEAR. In May we are planning on traveling to the International Child Evangelism Fellowship Conference in Asheville, North Carolina. This occurs every 3 years. We get to visit with CEF workers from around the world. We get to reconnect with CEF friends from Brasil. We get to hear great speakers. We get to hear about how God is working in every country in the world. Although we don't attend every 3 years, it is always a blessing when we can make it. The last time I spent most of the meetings translating from English to Portuguese. This time I get to just listen. After that we are hoping to take a few days to drive to the Ark Exhibit in Kentucky, which will add tremendously to our knowledge about creation.

Shortly after that, to my great delight, I plan to travel back to Iowa, to be with our daughter Kendra when her third child is born in late May! And for more delight, we plan to help welcome a third child to our son and daughter in law's family here in Moncton, by the end of June! Three grandchildren in one year!!!! My cup runneth over! We would appreciate your prayers as we await the comings of 2 more babies! Continue to pray for God's will to be done in all of our plans, travels and preparations. Thanks.

With all of these "earth-shaking" events, is it still possible to plan for our summer ministry? Yes it is! Starting June 21, there are 10 full weeks of possible camps, VBS's, or 5 Day Clubs to book till the end of summer. Right now, we have 6 of those weeks confirmed. If your church is interested in our helping you out with a children's ministry this summer, please call Ron at: 506-378-4775 as soon as possible. Thanks.

No matter if we roam or not, we are all pilgrims. We all wandered in the cold night of sin. But Jesus the Kind Shepherd found us and now we are on our way home. Truly His goodness and mercy will follow us, all the days of our lives. May each of us be happy, godly pilgrims!

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