

## Progress in the U.S., but no touchdown

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Our latest trip to the U.S., this time with Vicki and Leila in tow, put us further toward the goal of replacing the funds that ceased in June. We're not all the way yet, but we did make progress. Congregations that have joined in the GoSpeak ministry include Sherman Drive in Denton TX and Chandler OK. The Levy church in North Little Rock AR gave a significant one-time donation and encouraged us to talk to them again next year. Some individuals have also committed monthly amounts. Several congregations are still planning budgets for next year, so we await word from them. At the moment, *we are still in immediate need of about \$1000 monthly to make up the difference.*

During seven weeks in the U.S., we traveled almost six thousand miles, from San Antonio TX to Savannah GA, or if you prefer, from Huntsville AL to Hinesville GA, covering nine states and visiting or speaking with some 15 congregations. We arrived Aug. 4 and returned home Sept. 22.

Besides the search for new partnering congregations, we had some other moments, both good and bad.

- My mother had heart problems, and is still in the process of treatment, medicine adjustment, and diagnosis.
- Thanks to daughter-in-law Valerie, who works at a photo studio, Leila got a free photo session for her senior pictures.
- All our children spent the Labor Day weekend together in Paragould AR, at my parents' and sister's houses (*photo*).
- We had time to visit with our overseeing church, Somers Avenue, and touch base with the elders.
- We visited World Video Bible School (wvbs.org) in Maxwell TX and enjoyed the hospitality of Rudy and Sharon Cain, who direct the effort.
- We attended one night, Aug. 24, of an area-wide campaign hosted by churches in and around Corinth MS. Alan Highers was the preacher.



**OUTREACH IN PRINT.** We met with ministry and business partner Barbara Ann Oliver, of Winona MS, as we planned our next efforts together. Barbara is also a missionary; earlier this year she spent four months in Costa Rica. She manned the Forthright Press book exhibit at the Harding University Bible Lectureship in Searcy AR.

Our next book, with 13 writers, will be *The Right Kind of Christianity: Answers to Brian McLaren's 10 Questions* (working title), about post-modernism and the emerging church.