

The Month of Questions,

August 16, 2013

Questions come from all sides ... **Well, Bonnie, What's next???** Have you found a job yet? Are you settled yet? How is your house coming? Do you like life at Charbonneau? Are you entertaining or baking? Do you still have a ministry or just retiring? **What in the world ARE you doing NOW?**

The answer for almost all of them is **"I DON'T REALLY KNOW"**, .. "Maybe" ... "Kinda"... "Not sure"! Mercy! There are SOOO many unanswered questions at this moment that I even hesitated writing this letter, hoping that I would soon have a few more answers. But, August is here and I must answer what I can while asking you to pray for the rest of them and for ME!

Are you settled? NO, there is a bit more to finish on the house before I can move in the furniture. Workmen come and go. I am painting, cleaning, gardening and trying to make wise decisions. There just is more to do before it will feel like MY 'home!' AND I seem to need that feeling at the moment.



Do you like your house? I love Charbonneau and feel that this house is *HIS Gift* and am eternally grateful. I have attended a couple of lovely outdoor activities and have aerobic classes in my 'backyard' pool three times a week with delightful neighbors. I couldn't ask for more. I am so blessed here.





Are you entertaining yet? Both friends and family have popped by to chat or have lunch, either here or in Wilsonville, and pray with me! They are such a personal blessing! AND I also have a reason to make brownies and cinnamon rolls. PTL! Who needs furniture to entertain☺? Come over any time!!!



Are you retiring? *ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!* I am waiting on HIM, seeking HIS direction, and *WAITING* (not always as quietly as I would like) for God to open or close doors on which I am knocking. Please pray for me during this time of indecision and some times frustration and "turmoil"! However, I know that *HE IS FAITHFUL AND HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT!*

Do you have a job? Let's say I have applied for a number of positions, **including** part time work with internationals at GFU, hosting Chinese visiting teachers here in Wilsonville and maybe helping in a middle school. There are many other ESL volunteer opportunities that are popping up daily. Nothing is settled! Nothing is certain! Yet I AM certain that **GOD KNOWS** and I must continue to wait!



To add a bit of spice to my life, I also am trying to learn how to use a MAC, an Apple TV, an I phone, along with new internet, TV and phone system. I have never had to deal with so many WIRES in all my life. What a technical world we live in.! Grief, even putting this letter together is a new challenge.

NOW...I haven't answered all the questions, but prayerfully you have a little better idea of how to pray. Please keep me on your list - near the top! ☺

HOWEVER...What I really need is to share with you *IN PERSON*. Please contact me to schedule a time when I can come and let you know about the new ministry I feel God is giving me. I have missed this personal touch this past month. My schedule is totally open at this moment and I am

waiting for your call and HIS Direction. **Please email or phone me.** Do remember that my hearing still frustrates me on the phone, but my eyes still serve me well☺

Now, if I can figure out how to attach photos, I will send this all to Alice for her magic touch! Take special note of my family pictures below. AND, I will be asking that God blesses you and that all your questions will be answered in HIS TIME and with HIS LOVE and GRACE!

Walking together in HIS SONlight -

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