

CHRISTMAS 2020 UPDATE

What a year this has been! No one could have ever dreamed of all the changes that have taken place this year because of the Corona virus. Churches closed, some business gone out of business because of no customers, families split up because no one could visit those in nursing homes, friends and loved ones dying of this virus, borders to countries closed so no one could come or go. We can thank the Lord for technology so our churches could still have services with no one in attendance. For a few months our church met that way. It certainly is better than nothing, but just as certainly, a far cry from what we all desire. Yet with all the sorrow and troubles this year, there also was much for which to thank the Lord.

Last year in August, a new lady came to my church to visit. She liked it and so started coming to prayer meetings besides Sunday School and church. I introduced myself to this new lady in August and we eventually began dating. After dating for 3 months, on Feb 17 of this year, I asked Gail Humiston to be my wife and she gladly accepted.

How do you have a wedding now? Our first problem was this: will we be able to buy a marriage license? That office was closed for several months but finally opened May 1. Within the week we did buy a marriage license so could be married. Could we invite all kinds of people to our wedding? That was not to be but we did have mostly family there which was about 45 people. Neither of my kids were able to come and neither were my brothers and sisters. But, because of technology, all of them saw the wedding as it happened. Of course, we also have a video of the wedding.

One of Gail's sons has a large house and he put on a nice reception for us there. Then we were off for our honeymoon, staying in Florida, of course. We spent a week in Palm Beach and Amelia Island as we both love the beach. While dating we would usually go to the beach one day each week. Only retired people could have so much liberty as that. Since being married we still often go to the beach. We now live in the same house I have lived in for more than 12 years. Putting two people's things into one small house is challenging to say the least!



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I know it will surprise you, but we love being married to each other and are thoroughly enjoying our married life. We have lots of fun together as two people with a good sense of humor. What a blessing from the Lord. Every good and perfect gift comes from above.



The Wedding Party



Cutting the cake



Off for our Honeymoon!

Items for prayer

1. Six tribal groups have heard the gospel this year and many have responded in faith. We have new brothers and sisters in the faith. Pray for them as they begin their life of faith.
2. Pray for the work among the Loron people in the Ivory Coast. The work has expanded in wonderful ways as God has brought many to His name. They are working on finishing the translation of the New Testament which will greatly help the believers. What a blessing to see God change lives!
3. We have not been able to go to the nursing home since last March. Some of our friends have passed away since then. Pray that soon, we will be able to return and minister to those dear people.

May you have a blessed Christmas this year

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