

Shannon continues to work at Peddler and Sons. He has been promoted to a data entry person and is enjoying his work.

Shawn has been released to CA parole and plans to return here in November, 2018.

James is doing well. He paid his own rent for the first time in 20 years this week and was very excited to have accomplished it. He starts work tomorrow night! (he's happy)

Eugene came home last week. His family is in Casa Grande, but he doesn't have any parole approved place to live there, so he is staying here in Maricopa for now at the Las Palmas. He started work a couple of days ago!

Steve comes home on 4/26 and will be staying at Kokopelli. Please pray we get some place soon. It is frustrating not to be able to provide housing for the guys accepted into our program in the way we had planned. God continues to provide, but we would so very much rather have them staying with us!!

We made an offer on a property last week, but they accepted another offer the day before. We will continue looking, but now we know which area to look. This is a very good thing!!

Mesa zoning responded to us about the large house in Mesa. It is zoned light industrial, is on an orange orchard, and not near any residential areas. We had presented it and our ministry to Mesa zoning and they gave us the same run around that we got for the house we currently own.

Kokopelli are still interested in us purchasing their business, but they want to wait until their health situation improves before proceeding.

The new team I'm working on has now implemented 3 dashboards into manufacturing in Seattle. We were featured in the Boeing News today – it was exciting to see my work being used and the value they place on it. I'm also continuing to support the other team as lead backup, so really busy!!

Sekou's garden is growing well. He must trim the mint regularly. We watched him eat his first strawberry last week – it must've been quite tart judging from the faces he was making and the number of times he had to shake his head just to swallow it. Yes, it was very funny!!

My grandson, Ethan (9 years old), was tested and found to be performing at 5th grade level. They have moved him into accelerated classes and he is doing very well and enjoying himself. They met with him and the bullies and finished the meeting all friends! Boys are strange and GOD IS GOOD!! :-)

The April Eagle Family Support meeting went really well. We had hot link, potato, kale soup with bread and salad. We made several pots of it and delivered it to the guys. Everyone made a big deal over it, so it must've been good.

We try to deliver at least one meal/week to all the guys, so Sunday afternoon is usually cooking time.

C had a miraculous turn of events with his cancer. They gave him his radiation tattoo, then ran a final test before starting chemo and radiation treatments. The final test showed the tumor was superficial and can be removed with surgery. They do not think he will need any further treatment after the surgery. This is a huge miracle! Originally it was a 4 cm, highly aggressive cancer. Now it is a small superficial tumor that would be OK should surgery not happen for another year!! God is good!!! The surgery will be May 12th. Please continue to pray for C and his wife, Gloria.

C has written a book and the publisher has accepted it. It has completed the editing phase and the design/illustration phase started last week. He is working on the second book now – and it is wonderful. (The first one is wonderful too!) He is really talented.

Kevin (Raymond) is doing very well. He continues to attend a church service on Wednesday evenings and lead the worship portion. He is still looking for a more substantial job.

Shannon had a surprise phone call from probation a couple of weeks ago. They had him come in and removed his ankle monitor!! He is quite happy about that... This happened only a couple of days after Mike had his monitor removed – looks like a great trend to us!

How you can pray? Please continue to pray that we will recognize where and when God wants us to act.

We pray for your health – physically and spiritually – continuously. Keep your hope in Him and you will not be disappointed!!! Keep moving forward, do not be discouraged. Shine Him through you, so all will see and want to know Him! We are proud of you.

May God bless you above and beyond your imagination!

Blessings!

Steve and Deb

Jeremiah 29:11

“For **I know the plans I** have for you,” declares **the Lord**, “**plans** to prosper you and not to harm you, **plans** to give you hope and a future.