

James is doing well. He worked at Peddlers' for a few days, but was offered a welding job at an iron work company. He gave notice and Peddlers' and changed jobs. He has been at the new job for a couple of weeks now and they have promoted him to supervisor. He is doing great and is happy. He says he has everything, except fellowship, so he is looking forward to us moving to his neighborhood. (more about that later)

Cameron is James' roommate, so we met him while visiting with James. He is a young veteran and we are quite fond of him. He is a registered citizen. He works at a restaurant in Tempe and we have enjoyed welcoming him to the Eagles' Nest family.

Eugene is doing well. He is working and paying his own rent. He seems quite happy. It is still his goal to move to Casa Grande to be with his family, but he is making the best of the situation, in the meantime.

Dean came home on 5/4 and we placed him at Las Palmas. He was not highly motivated to find work and we gave him 2 more weeks earlier this week to find a job. He had 2 diluted UAs, so parole visited him on Thursday night, when he was supposed to be at an interview. They found him drinking and arrested him.

Steve B came home on 4/26. We had arranged for him to stay at Kokopelli, but parole denied the residence. We placed him at Las Palmas. What an extreme pleasure he is to us!! He is still actively looking for work. I know I've mentioned how important it was to me that we have a home before Steve came home – it didn't happen and I was devastated. We had ice cream with Steve a few days ago and he told us from his perspective how that had worked for him. He said it increased his faith and he is grateful that it happened. You guys and God never cease to amaze me. I am blessed!

Sekou's garden continues to grow well. He has mastered the strawberries and they are sweet and larger now. The hibiscus plants did not make it in the heat... He added several other plants, a fountain, an umbrella table, and some oil lamps and it is a truly beautiful place to sit and enjoy fellowshiping with him. We had a great BBQ with him on Memorial Day – grilled steaks, baked potatoes, corn on the cob and chicken slaw. For dessert...you guessed it, cheesecake! I used some of his garden's mint in the chicken slaw – added a great dimension to the salad! He has kept the area completely mobile, so it can move when he moves.

Mike is doing very well. He bought a truck (the one he has always wanted) and continues to work at his landscaping job. He is working on getting his commercial driver's license. His sister is here visiting from Oregon, so in addition to spending a lot of time with his local sister, he has both to visit with for a while.

Kevin (Raymond) is struggling a bit and can use your prayers.

Chuck had surgery to remove cancer from his colon. It was highly successful and he is recovering nicely. He will not need any additional treatment (chemo or radiation). Praise God!!

Shannon continues to work at Peddler and Sons. He has been promoted to a data entry person and is enjoying his work. He goes grocery shopping with Steve nearly every week. Steve enjoys his time with Shannon (and I hope Shannon enjoys it too). Shannon does not yet have a car, so it is easier to get the groceries home with Steve helping.

We haven't heard from Shawn in a while, but he was doing well a couple of weeks ago, in CA.

All the guys got new probation officers. Please pray the new teams will see Christ in the guys and grant them favor. Please ask that we all be good reflections of our Lord and cause others to want to know Him or know Him better.

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We have found our new home and will be moving in about 3 or 4 weeks. It is zoned R-5, so Phoenix zoning is happy with us. Probation and parole will not approve it until someone requests to live with us, so please keep that in your prayers. There are over 400 registered citizens within a mile of the new home, so the neighbors should not complain. Because of that high number of registered citizens, it will be easy for those wanting to attend Bible studies in our home to walk over and participate!! It seems to be a perfect location.

Details...God has made this house especially to my personal preferences. We looked at many buildings and tried to obtain them, but nothing worked out. We even considered buildings having no bathrooms or kitchens figuring we would have to make do with what we were given. BUT (Behold the Underlying Truth) God was preparing this home, just for me. (I know, seems rather egotistical, but I have no other explanation) It is about 2000 sq. ft. has 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. The front room and dining area are perfectly designed for Bible studies. All the rooms are large. It is tiled throughout with travertine (beautiful, easy to clean and maintain). The plumbing and electrical are all new and have been completed with the highest skill and quality supplies. The AC is a 3-year-old Trane and the roof is also 3 years old. The counters and cabinets all match (kitchen and bathrooms). The counters are granite and the cabinets are made of a beautiful wood. The wall boards are 5 inches tall and have a design in them. The kitchen is beautiful and we can add an island we found at Ikea for only a small amount. Our bedroom has his and her closets and one of those showers that are all tile and have the walk around corner. The other 2 bathrooms have showers and tubs. There is a security system with a camera (we have never used our current one, but it's nice to have). The windows are all new and double pane – they open up and down (instead of sideways) and the windowsills are 8 inches deep (I can put plants on them). The backyard

is large and has grass. The front yard is enclosed with a gorgeous white iron fence – it is maintenance free quality stone and has a gate in front of the driveway.

It needs window covers and the interior walls and ceilings need minimal finishing and definitely need paint. I had received some awards at work and converted them to gift cards at Home Depot, so I think the cost of the supplies will be fully covered! Steve B says he loves to paint and he will start as soon as escrow closes (before 6/20). He is a very detail oriented person, so I'm VERY excited about that!! I'd like to have the painting finished before we move in, so that there is nothing to work around...

We will be adding a covered patio on the back and hope to add a building in the backyard for the studio and workroom.

Our Realtor for our current house (Willetta) is already working on marketing and feels she may already have a buyer lined up. We will list it as soon as we are moved out. We plan to keep some of the overflow items in the garage here, because we don't want to pay for storage while we still have this house. We are hopeful that we will find another home near the new one and perhaps have it close about the same time as the sale of Willetta, so we can move the rest of the Eagle furniture and supplies without paying for storage...I just hate the thought of paying for storage...did I ever mention that I am of Dutch descent? 😊

Several guys have offered to help move, so that is encouraging. James is going to fix the gate and make it beautiful.

How you can pray? Please continue to pray that we will recognize how, where and when God wants us to act. Please pray that probation and parole approve Sekou, Kevin, and Steve B (and soon Henry) to move in with us. Mike is still praying about what God wants him to do, but he is also welcome to move in with us. We are holding a place for Henry, when he comes home in October. James has decided to look for a place with Cameron and does not plan to move in with us. They plan to purchase a house close to ours, so they can participate in Bible studies and worship. These men are the foundational support for the To the Least of These Adults Only Church which will start in this home and eventually grow into a place of its own. It is our goal to purchase homes around this one to house God's men as they come out. It is a HUGE blessing to finally see movement in the direction we have, until this point, only seen in our minds and with faith.

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.