



Palmers Abroad

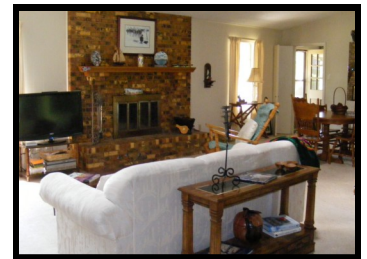
“You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey your words.” - Psalm 119:57

Greetings from Van, Texas. We arrived safely at noon on February 17th. Literally days before our departure we had a house to move into, and by Friday night we had carpets cleaned, beds set up and groceries in the cupboards. This was not a normal move, in that we had to help move out the former tenant *and* store the landladies furniture in the shed, that needed to be cleaned and organized first!! We have since registered our truck, have Texas drivers licenses, Texas plates, found house and auto

insurance, set up a bank account, both Alanah and John are on their way to getting their Texas drivers licenses and Mark is settling into his role at the IOC. I have continued to home school since we arrived too late for the new semester. We are attending Community Christian Fellowship where Paul Baloche is the worship leader most Sundays. The kids attended Acquire the Fire in Dallas earlier this month and Mark and John attended a men's breakfast and a car care outreach at our church.

Alanah continues to wait on assessment of her high school transcript before Georgian will accept her application. In the mean time she is attending a Preview Weekend for the Honour Academy at Teen Mania this weekend. The ship is busy with surgeries in Sierra Leone and Mark will be on his way there soon to support our Off Ship Programs staff and see how things are going so far in the outreach. Until next time...

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Highlights **Alanah Palmer**

Family and friends always make moving and transitioning easier. However, we want to highlight one particular person who went above and beyond what was expected of him, and became one of the biggest blessings of our move. *George McPherson* not only drove our truck and



trailer here leaving Dad free to drive the U-haul, but he also stayed for a week, doing odd jobs around the house that would be yet unfinished without his attention. He made countless trips to Hilliards, the local hardware store, faithfully sifting through the disorganization to find the

perfect piece. He helped clean out the disaster of a garden shed we were met with. He hung mirrors, replaced a broken garage door window and fixed everything from broken tea cups to towel bars and shutters! Thank you George for all your hard work!!