

# The Refior News Bulletin

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Greetings from the Refiors,

I am sure the past month has been very eventful for your family just as it has been for ours. My I can hardly keep track of all that has been going on. On August 27 we took Nikki up to O'Hare airport and said goodbye to her and Leigh Ann Rougge who departed for their adventure in Europe. Nikki was first in London and had a thrilling and action-packed stay there. They met a native of London who was able to give them a grand tour and much historical information about the various sights. From the first call we knew that Nikki was thrilled and enchanted by Europe. Nothing has changed since.

Nikki and Leigh Ann then traveled down to Grenoble, France where they will be studying through January, 1991. Nikki is very happy with her room at Madam Corbier's house and she has been greatly encouraged by how well she has adapted to conversational French and how easily she is getting along in daily life. In fact, she was doing so well in her concentrated French study (which is the short session before she starts regular classes in the University) that her professors advanced her to the next higher level. Nikki and Leigh Ann have taken great advantage of the traveling opportunities. They went down to Nice on the French Riviera and to Avion, and they are now traveling to Berlin via Paris. Nikki will be visiting Debbie Garrick at Black Forest Academy for Nikki's 20th birthday (October 7). We have had the pleasure of numerous phone calls and many letters. It is very clear that this trip to France and the study abroad was the right decision and that Nikki is not only having a marvelous time, she is growing in her understanding of people and life itself.

Meanwhile, on the homefront... things have been hopping here too. It was a big move for Laura to go into the big new high school. Although she had some apprehension she really did land running and adjusted immediately and is having a great experience. The high school has approximately 2,000 students and the new building is as nice as any high school I have ever seen. She had no trouble adjusting to the large school or the new curricula. Recently she had one of the most delightful and exciting weeks of her life. It was homecoming week and Laura was selected by her classmates to be Freshman representative. That meant a number of activities, including recognition in the parade, being introduced during halftime on the middle of the football field, and all of those special

things that make for life-long memories. It was sort of like a fairy tale and we are glad that she had that opportunity. Now the chariot has turned back into a pumpkin and she is on with normal high school life. But the memories remain.

Laura's favorite class this year is biology. One of Laura's best friends is a starter on the girls varsity volleyball team (rated 10th in the state of Indiana and rising!) and that has given all of us an interest in the girl's volleyball team. You will recall the reports about the great girl's basketball team last year. It is anticipated that there will be another strong team this year as well. Surprisingly - in light of recent history - the Warsaw High School Football Team is doing great. They are 5 in 1 and undefeated in conference play. Warsaw has had such a strong concentration in Basketball that it really has hurt the football program. I am delighted to see a better level of football this year. My associate attorney, Jerry Yeager, has a keen interest in the local football team because he had been the star quarterback the last time Warsaw won the conference (1982). Jerry is continuing his football endeavors in an active way. He is playing in the city flag football league. I hope he doesn't get hurt. Speaking of staff at the office, Tracey Rose moved to Ohio with her husband on a corporate transfer. We hired Lisa Harris to take her place. Lisa is doing a fine job and we continue to be blessed with an outstanding staff.

We have now started our ninth year of ACTION at Pleasant View Bible Church. We have a sizeable group (averaging approximately 120 kids so far) and a super staff of ACTION leaders. Recently we had a swimming party for the 5th/6th Boys and it really was a fun time and I think it helped bring the group together and establish relationships. This Thursday night we're having a roller skating party. That will be fun. Usually we have somewhere between 150 and 200 kids out for that evangelistic function.

Unfortunately I had to quit playing raquetball temporarily. I developed great pain in my knees. It was originally diagnosed and treated as gout. But the pain has persisted despite the medication. I will be seeing a specialist this week to try to determine what is going on. I really do want to get back into some type of sport activity, especially with basketball season approaching. Since I broke and sprained my ankle last year I missed all of last year's basketball season and I sure do not want to miss playing basketball again this year. Since the last Refior News Bulletin I had my 40th birthday. The staff at work and then my family at home did a lot of outstanding things to make it a very special day. Pam had a picture and statement in the newspaper and the staff had a surprise for me when I arrived at the office. Traditionally decorations are in black for the 40th birthday. My staff knows that I make a big deal about the color pink and that I do not like pink. They also know that I absolutely hate earrings on men. So when I came into the office on my 40th birthday they had everything (and I mean everything) covered in the color pink. Jerry, Mark, and E.J.

were all wearing pink along with the gals, and Jerry, Mark and E.J. had taped on to their ear a shiney earring (the men immediately removed their earring as soon as we had our laugh about it). For a number of reasons, particularly with some cases settling, I have had a period of time with less than normal time spent in the courtroom. That has turned out to be a great blessing and benefit to the office as I am working to train Jerry and get caught up on a number of significant matters that were not getting attention.

This past weekend Pam and I travelled down to Jeffersonville, Indiana (a suburb of Louisville, Kentucky) to attend a Christian Businessmen's Committee Couple's Retreat. Pam and I had the privilege of sharing our joint testimony to the group. We acted out some vignettes during the course of giving our testimony and we used the overhead projector to show pictures and other visual aids. We had a great time and it was a spiritual blessing.

This month... why don't you write us a letter, please.

Sincerely,



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