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TIME FLIES

Schools in Greenville County South Carolina began on August 1. I'm sure students all over town are asking the same question, "Where did our summer go?" Yesterday, July 31, was my birthday. As I get older, I find myself wondering why time seems to pass faster and faster.

I discussed this subject last week with a pastor friend in Alabama as I ministered in his church with the **Crnković** family, our Croatian missionaries who are in the States for six weeks. We discovered that there are several reasons for this strange phenomenon. It's a mix of biology, psychology, and perception. According to a study at Harvard University, one theory says that as we age, our brains process information more slowly, meaning we perceive fewer mental images in a given period, making time seem to pass more quickly. The pastor mentioned the concept that was addressed in an article by Psychology Today, that tries to explain the phenomenon. When you're five years old, a year is 20% of your life. But when you're 50, a year is only 2% of your life. This proportional difference makes each



year feel shorter as you age. To me, that does seem to make sense. In childhood, everything is new and memorable. As adults, we fall into routines, and fewer new experiences mean fewer memorable moments, making time seem to pass faster. The problem with that is with my schedule, I am always having new experiences, and yet, the pages still seem to fly off of the calendar.

They say time flies when you are having fun and for the most part, the Croatians and I have had fun. They arrived in New York City on July 9, a day late due to a missed connection for their flight. Since we only had an evening plus one full day of sightseeing, we walked around 50,000 steps during our time in the Big Apple. Since then, they have ministered in Connecticut, Indiana, Ohio, Alabama, and South Carolina. They also enjoyed touring the Ark Encounter. The first week of August they will be in the Greenville, SC, area. They are staying at the Morningside Baptist Church mission house.

For those friends who would like to connect with them, see their schedule on the next page.

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875 State Park Rd, Greenville, SC - hamptonpark.org

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WESTGATE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPARTANBURG, SC
1990 Old Reidville Rd, Spartanburg, SC - wbcs.org

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OAK RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, OAK RIDGE, TN
1451 Bethel Valley Road, Oak Ridge, TN - orbc4u.org

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ANCHOR BAPTIST CHURCH, LITTLE RIVER, SC
3300 Highway 50, Little River, SC - anchorbaptist.church

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FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, EASLEY, SC
461 Saco Lowell Rd, Easley, SC

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST FLAT ROCK, NC
2703 Spartanburg Hwy., East Flat Rock, NC
grace-baptist-church.org



In addition to helping the CrnkoviCs with their travel schedule, I had the privilege of preaching at **Grace Baptist Fellowship**, in Greenville, SC, **Greenville Bible Church**, in Greenville, MS, and **Central Baptist Church**, in Dothan, AL.

It is always a joy to share what God is doing among each of our EMU missionary families serving the Lord in ten countries around the world. I have a few dates open between now and the end of the year. I would love to have the privilege of visiting your ministry. As I preach for Missions Emphasis Sundays, individual services, school chapels, or at Christian camps, I always want to challenge the people to ask God, what He would have them to BE and what He would have them to DO to fulfill His plan for them in His grand design to reach the nations. James describes our lives as a vapor, a mist on a cold morning, that only appears for a little while and then disappears. Paul challenges us to "redeem the time," or make the most of every opportunity. Let me challenge you to ask God today, what He would have you to BE and what He would have you to DO today in His plan for the nations.



Please Pray

- Pray for God to grant wisdom as EMU International moves forward in the days ahead. We are praying that the Lord of the Harvest will send laborers into His harvest and we desire to be a part of His plan.
- Please make a note of the address change for our EMU Office mail: EMU International, PO Box 790, Taylors, SC 29687
- Please pray this month for the Bixbys and other Christians in France, that the Olympics will provide many gospel opportunities.
- Please pray for Croatian missionaries Kornel and Tanja Crnković, along with their two sons, Marko and Natanael, as finish up their six-week furlough. Pray that they will gain some much-needed financial support.
- Continue to pray for the Joshua Jensen family, the Farmer family, and Brooke Illsley as they travel this summer during furlough.
- Continue to pray for our Uruguayan nationals and the volunteers headed to Camp Emmanuel as they make final preparations for the "Rick's Work Trip," August 10-18.
- Many people don't realize that Joanna and I are supported like other missionaries and need churches and friends who will partner with us monthly. Please pray with us that God would raise an army of ministry partners who will help hold the rope for us by supporting us financially and through prayer.
- We are in the market for a new travel vehicle. Our 2011 Toyota Camry has been an excellent vehicle but requires major repairs and needs to be replaced. We are currently shopping our best options. If you have any leads, please let us know.
- Continue to pray for healing for Joanna's hip.



Jeff's August Schedule

- 04 Hampton Park Baptist, Greenville, SC, 5:30 PM
- 07 Westgate Baptist, Spartanburg, SC, 7 PM
- 11-13 Sevierville, TN, with CrnkoviCs
- 14 Anchor Baptist, Little River, SC, 7 PM
- 18 Faith Baptist, Easley, SC, 10 AM, and Grace Baptist, East Flat Rock, NC, 5 PM
- 23 Pastors' Fellowship, Calvary Baptist, Westminster, MD
- 25 Maryland Area: _____