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Once again this letter is over due but many of you have been on my heart and I have wanted to be in touch to say how much I appreciate knowing you and being able to remain friends all these years. My list of names with ladies to send this to, is increasing and I do want to be able to encourage you in this small way by means of this newsletter.

Please note I have a new email address: macarver@carveronline.com

The Lord is good to all, His tender mercies are over all His works. Ps.145.9

Beautiful pink ginger and pink crab claws in Goroka, PNG

Welcome

Photos always tell a story so well, so I thought I would put in a few pictures with news of my interests and friends in various places.



Above: Ladies Retreat in PNG with Sisters Jacobsen, Carol, Robyn and Ladies President.



Left: ourselves and the Jacobsens.

Below: Many friends are among the lovely ladies from the International Church in Suva, Fiji with missionary Sister Reed.



Three grandchildren went off the school this year! It was the first time for Ryan and Laura. Don't they look smart in their uniforms? Ryan 5, Matthew 7 and Laura 4/4!



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A good friend and sister, Ruth Blake wrote this article some years ago. The Blakes were missionaries for many years in Liberia and Ghana. Their children grew up there and their son Kevin also became missionary. We had the pleasure of being with them for a year in New Zealand, when Sister Blake put this story in the church bulletin. This is a beautiful story. The Blakes now pastor a church in Illinois.

When our son Kevin and his family and my

husband and I were missionaries in Africa, there came a time when because of serious political upheaval in the country, it became necessary for us all to quickly leave the country with only what we could pack into a suitcase and a carry-on bag per person. With much sadness we boarded the plane for our flight home, not knowing if we would every see the country again.

There was a young girl about 21 years old working for us, whom we left in charge of the two homes, cars and our possessions. Police and soldiers came several times, trying to force her to hand over the keys to both houses and cars, so they could confiscate them and all our household things, but she refused them the keys. They threatened her severely and even accused her of being a spy against her own country, but her answer to them was "You can beat me or even kill me, but I will not let you take the things which have been left in my care".

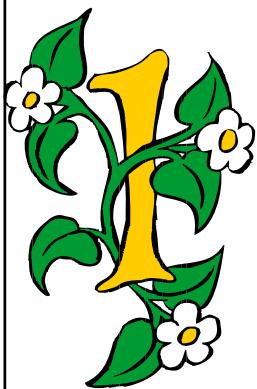
After seven months away it became obvious that our return would not be wise so my husband and son went back for just a few days to sell all our things and close our houses. They did not send word ahead that they were coming.

At the airport, they hired a taxi to take them to our place. To their great surprise, this young girl met them at the gate and let them in. Imagine the looks on their faces at the neatly cleaned houses, crisp clean sheets on the beds, and tall glasses of cold water from the refrigerator for them. But they were stunned when my son walked into his house and there in the middle of the dining room table was a beautiful vase of freshly cut flowers!

Kevin turned to the girl and said "But Mary, these are so beautiful and the house looks so nice. How did you know we were coming today? She just looked at him and said "When you left, you said you would be back, so every day I have cleaned and put fresh flowers here for you. I knew you would come ". What beautiful, simple trust and faith!

My friends, almost 2000 years ago Jesus left this earth, but He promised "I go to prepare a place and if I go I will come again to receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also". We don't know the day nor hour when our Master will return. The only thing that matters is, do we believe Him enough to keep our "house" clean and the sweet bouquet of our love and praises fresh on the table of our heart for Him each day?

The Bible says "Yet a little while and He that shall come, will come". He's coming for those who have made themselves ready ! written by Ruth Blake



***I** f I hold on to choices of any kind just because they are my choice: if I give any room to my private likes and dislikes, then I know nothing of Calvary love.
Amy Carmichael*

From her little book entitled "IF"

Amy Carmichael went as missionary to India when she was 28 years old. This was in 1895.

Through many trials and hardships she founded the Dohnavur Fellowship which proved a home and Christian upbringing for children in South India. She rescued many children from marriage to temple priests at age 5 and 6. Her life story and many books are inspiring.