G.E.E.!
Grace, Edification, Encouragement

Haiti

Working with so many wonderful pets and owners each day, and reading through the story of Creation this past week as part of my church’s challenge of reading a chapter of the Torah (first five books of the Old Testament) daily for the next six months, I am reminded of the blessing of animals in our lives. One special gift to me is my current roommate Decaf. While animals are a potential huge blessing in our lives -- the most awesome, incredible, wonderful blessing is the gift of salvation which opens the door to an incredible relationship with Jesus!

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created.*

*James 1:17-18 (NIV)*

Visiting with family in August was great! My Mom Judy, siblings Kelley (from Spokane WA) and Steve (from Novato, CA)--along with their families, and I enjoyed visiting, playing games, eating, etc. We have always been a family who played games; we have fun, but are competitive too! Also, work at the Selah Veterinary Hospital was very busy this summer and at times seems to be slowing down in September. We are still a doctor short, so please join me in prayer for a great new doctor now, and one to replace me when I leave for Haiti.

My heart longs to be serving the Lord in Haiti. I have been so blessed this last month with a number of families joining the G.E.E.! Team. Thank you to all my faithful supporters! If you aren’t, please prayerfully consider supporting the ministry of the G.E.E.! Team. Prayer and financial support are so needed. If just fifteen people are willing to support me monthly at $100 for 3 years I can go!

Say hello to my current special roommate Decaf--a 12-year-old large gray female cat (13 pounds of solid muscle). She is a very loving kitty, almost more like a dog than a cat, unless you touch her feet too long (or try to cut her nails)! She loves to be cuddled and sleeps every night on the right top of my bed by my head. She only occasionally walks over me, mainly when I
sleep in too long and she wants her breakfast!

Decaf does have a few idiosyncrasies. She loves toilet paper, even as a kitten. I apologize ahead of time if you visit me because the toilet paper isn’t on the roller on the wall. That is because Decaf would unravel it on the floor as soon as possible. The other thing she loves in bathrooms are sinks! If I am in the bathroom ignoring her, she will jump in the sink and start rolling around and batting at me. She is so cute I can’t ignore her anymore!

The only limitation is that while I have Decaf I can have no other animal roommates. I have tried to add several younger cats and kitties and she has made it clear that they are definitely not welcome in her house! She also does not like dogs, which is clear whenever she visits the clinic! She is big and strong enough to potentially do serious harm. All in all, she is wonderful and definitely a keeper! I hope to take her to Haiti with me.

**My praise and prayer requests this month include:**

- Praise for the generosity of so many toward the G.E.E.! ministry!
- Prayers for peace and resolution of the difficult challenges the Haitian people are facing. Food for the hungry and jobs for those able to work. Control of the high inflation rate.
- God’s grace, provision, and timing in moving to serve in Haiti and being able to bless and encourage the people I meet in the coming months sharing about serving the Lord in Haiti.

Blessings and prayers!
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