



One of the toughest things that I face everyday is the realization that I'm getting older. Getting older is better than getting old, but it's still difficult for me to accept. I'm 42 but my mind tells my body I'm only 25. My back told the rest of me this week that it's at least 42 years old. I've been having some sciatic nerve pains that until now haven't been resolved by physical therapy so last week I decided to go to the orthopedist. Yesterday I was diagnosed with herniated disk in my lower back that the doctor described as "gigantic." He was concerned about nerve damage and muscle loss if I didn't have a procedure done

soon. So, we've tentatively scheduled surgery for next Friday, pending the insurance company's approval. This should give me time to fully recuperate before our flight to the States in mid-June. Though it is a "simple" operation, it is an operation and I'm not the easiest of patients.

As if that weren't enough for one week in the getting-old department, Trinity just had to turn 13. Nina and I officially have 4 teenage girls in our home. We're thankful for our budding artist who is our last born young lady. We celebrated by eating lunch in an authentic American restaurant owned by some new friends of ours from Long Island, NY who also offered Trin a free birthday milkshake.

I know many of you have been praying for Debora, a young lady who Nina and I have been "disciplining." We've been unsure about her salvation because of her adventist background as well as an unclear personal testimony. A few weeks ago

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during our time together the Holy Spirit showed her in a very real way that Jesus paid specifically for HER sins. He showed

her that she couldn't pay for them because Jesus did on the cross. When that happened according to her testimony, "everything changed." We no longer have any doubts about Debora's relationship with Christ, and neither does she. She's growing in the Lord and now has true joy in her life.



It's always a blessing to serve on the mission field and be able to work in a multi-cultural setting, one that closely mirrors what Heaven will be like. Two weeks ago we had a visitor from Latvia in our service. She's in Portugal doing an internship and is a believer. She told us that every time she heard the Catholic church bells ring she felt a sadness because she missed her church but she didn't have a church to attend in Portugal. She wouldn't go to the Catholic church because she "wanted to worship the living God." She found our church online and after a short time of debating whether or not to go (she doesn't speak Portuguese), she decided to attend service. We translated from Portuguese to English for her and she wrote pages worth of sermon notes in her native Latvian. It's been special to have her around.

Finally, we will arrive in the States on the 21st of June, and we're very excited. Our Sundays are basically full but depending on the area we may still have a Sunday evening or two available. If you are interested in our family coming, we still have several Wednesday evenings open. It will be a quick but much needed trip and we ask that you please pray for the church while we are away. No matter how strong the ministry is, problems can arise while the leadership is away. We hope to see you soon!

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