

August 2010

Greetings to you,

I (Deborah) love being a missionary.

What's your definition of 'missionary'? I used to think that a missionary was a brave individual who gave up all the comforts of home to go live in a mud hut in Africa. But, my perception has changed a lot over this past year of holding official missionary status with Campus Crusade for Christ.

My revised definition is "one sent to be a blessing." When you stop and really think about it, isn't this what all Christians are supposed to be? Haven't we all been blessed to be a blessing? A Christian can be a missionary, anytime, anywhere. When we reach beyond the confines of our comfort zone to give help and hope to hurting people we are communicating that they matter to God.

I believe God is a missionary God. You can't be a missionary without first loving the people you are reaching out to. God loved the World so much that He sent His Son to save it. And even now, God is placing His heart inside people to love the unlovable. His call still stands to go into all the world and make disciples- around the globe and on our own continent.

Thank you for praying and giving. You ARE making a difference. You are making it possible for my family to be on the front lines.

I love meeting with friends and family and sharing about the ministry of FamilyLife. I love hearing love stories of how couples got together and how, by the grace of God, have stayed married. I love freely giving away FamilyLife resources to couples and individuals that we meet with. I love connecting with people who have been impacted by this ministry through their Marriage Getaways or other resources. Thank you, again, for being on our team.

Fighting for families,



Abraham & Deborah Lara



Anna
(9)



Danielle
(8)



Julia
(6)



Rachel
(3)



Sarah
(2)



Naomi
(2)



Happy Hearts Homeschool resumed 8/16/2010

- **Anna & Danielle:** spent a week at kid's camp together: God gave them both courage to do many new things;
- **Julia:** enjoyed hanging out with her cousin Jeremiah while her sisters were at camp

- **Rachel:** has been pacifier-free since August 8!
- **Sarah & Naomi:** thoroughly enjoyed the water park at Silverwood Theme Park when we visited at the end of July.