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Dear Friends and Family,

The other day I got an email from my Mom that talked about the cooler weather, changing of color on the leaves, and I realized, I had no idea it was autumn. In a climate where the temperature averages 85 degrees year round, there is little to see in a changing season. Thus I easily lose track of time.

It's birthday season for our family. Mike "celebrated" his 47th year last week. He got lots of Facebook greetings. Isn't technology great! This coming week **Cana**, our "baby" will turn 14. Here in the Philippines, as "alien" residents, 14 year olds needs to re-register. So since all the kids have a break from school for a week, that is our plan for one of these "vacation" days. We will go by train to the heart of Manila, where the immigration office is. I like to go early in the morning to avoid as much traffic as possible. I can't imagine Cana will like that, but as a 14 year old, I still have some say in her life. **Lydia** turned 16 in August, which means she can get her student driving permit. So that activity will occupy another day of our break. Going through the paperwork and long lines that these government exercises always bring, tries my patience. Please pray for me. **Micah** turned 18 in August and got his driver's license upgraded to include driving motorcycle (this took 8 hours of waiting). Legally he can drive, and he does some, but hasn't quite got it all down yet. But I suppose learning to drive in a third-world city of 20 million pedestrians and 1.5 million vehicles is just a little different than the gravel roads of Iowa where I got my experience. Maybe he and Mike can take a nice drive out in the country over break to give him a little bit more experience on the road. **Moriah** will turn 20 the end of the month. That

is probably the big one for me. How in the world did I get old enough to have a 20 year old child? I was 24 when he was born and thought I was an adult and capable of being a parent. Praises to God. He gives us grace for each season of life, and for every day as we pass through so quickly. Thanks for your prayers and care for us through the years.

Cindy for the Gingeriches



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