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Dear friends & family,

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As I begin this update, my thoughts naturally turn to NYC on this 7th anniversary of 911.

A time to remember.
A time to pray,
- for our troops, our nation, our world.

I took this photo of the 'tribute of lights' on the 911 anniversary a couple of years ago, reflecting from the free Staten Island Ferry.

A heavenly reminder of our Sovereign God!

Summer in SoCal...

With a lighter summer schedule following months of exhaustion, I was led to bathe in a weekly extended quiet time with the Lord. I can't tell you **how good** that has been, and how He provided a perfect spot! He wants ME, more than my service. It's been a great time of refreshment in His presence, tho' even recently, I've still managed to sleep right through my alarm a couple of times! Overall, I'm now encouraged, energized & enjoying life and ministry in SoCal! And now, God is already using my difficult transition to empathize with & comfort someone (2 Corinthians 1:3-5) who moved here 15 months ago from the East Coast, and has shed tears sharing her struggle & desire to move back. She commented that I seem too joyful to have just moved, but I simply praise God for these weekly times He's been renewing my spirit!

A New Compton!

Our L.A. Connect partnership with Saddleback & Compton churches have been hosting work days to transform & beautify Compton. This summer was the first time I was able to participate with over a thousand people at dozens of work sites.



Left photo:
Our team clearing the alleys.

Right photo:
This young guy said he LOVES coming to these...it's been his highlight!!! Pictured with Lauren, from my home church, who has a great heart for inner city missions!



Join with a thousand others at the next work day, **Saturday, Sept. 27th**...ask me for details!

Community Picnic-

L.A. Connect partnership w/ Saddleback hosted a community picnic, where hundreds came out to develop relationships with the Muslim community.

Photo: A Saddleback woman & I tried to get in good with these Muslim ladies because they were in charge of the dessert contest & we wanted to be judges! Too bad there was a waiting list for that job...if only they knew what an expert I'd be in that position! ☺



Harvest Crusade-

With a conviction that God would move powerfully at the Harvest Crusade, especially since Greg Laurie had just lost his son a few weeks before, I decided to counsel on the closing day. Over the course of the weekend, 11,084 people walked onto the field at Angel Stadium to make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ!

After seeing "*Lost Boy*", a very powerful film of Greg Laurie's life and testimony, for my extended quiet time the week prior to the crusade, I went to Pirates Cove... the place where God started Greg Laurie's ministry & where hundreds (perhaps thousands) of baptisms took place in the 70's & continue there even today!

Speaking of baptisms, I recently received such an encouraging email from a Japanese sister in NYC...here is a blurb: *"Come to think of my faith history, there are many Christians who helped me and walked with me when I needed to ask questions or helping hands. You are definitely one of them!! I am getting baptized in this weekend, on Sunday to be precise. AND I am getting baptized by immersion in the river. Thanks to you, I was able to stick to my original wish. I am really thankful to you for that. I wish you could be here...."* I certainly wish I could've been there, too!



People often ask me, "Where do you like better, NY or CA?" I usually reply that you can't compare...it's like apples and oranges. Literally...apples for the Big Apple & oranges for California Oranges! So I think God had a sense of humor when He gave me this apt. on Orange Ave! Only recently did I discover Pauline Place, just several blocks down my street! Little bits of confirmation... ☺

Please PRAY for the following: *Sept. 27th A New Compton work day

***Oct. 4th MICOM reunion-** my impact for Christ with nearly 100 former colleagues.

***Oct. 7th Worldwide Day of Prayer** - I'm now in charge of all our cooperative prayer efforts!

***Nov. 2nd NYC Marathon-** I'm no longer using vacation to come out here, so thought I'd go out there! Since I did my nine qualifying races last year before I moved, I figure, I may as well go for it!

***For a church-** leaning towards Mariners since the past quarter I've been making connections at a Fri. nite group there...funny, the group's name is also Connections! ☺ However, between visiting area churches, speaking at supporting churches & going to my home church SFVHC, I can count on one hand the number of times these past seven months that I've attended Mariners for service!

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your prayers & partnership! *With a heart of gratitude & love, pauline*