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EAST TEXAS, WE HAVE ARRIVED!

We are finally here! After commuting for a little over a month, we can now call the mid-county area, home. Our house is conveniently located in Port Arthur, and the church isn't very far in Port Neches. The location is great because we are very close to Beaumont, or anything else we need. There are also many water parks and playgrounds. Needless to say, with Faith's encouragement, we have spent several afternoons playing there. The church is doing really well. On Sunday mornings there are about 28 adults and the same number of children and teenagers. John Michael and Candace, our staff, have been real helpful and a huge asset to the church. They have a 10 month old daughter that Faith loves to play with. Our adventure has just begun, and we are excited to see what God has in store for us. What will happen next?

VISITORS AND HELP

Since we moved here - July 31 - we have been very busy. We had no gas - which means no hot water, dryer or stove - for the first week. The cold showers weren't so bad, since the central air hadn't been completed. We now have everything in proper working order. During that time, a couple from the church brought us a griddle and electric skillet to cook with, and a few others brought us some meals. Elijah Otto, a friend of ours and former youth group member, spent a few weeks with us helping us move and helping Mike make much needed repairs on the house. We did have an incident where an 8ft long 4in wide, cast iron pipe fell from the second floor! It was by the front door, so no one was startled but the mail man who was just outside. Poor guy, we'll apologize the next time we see him ☺. Mike's mom also came to visit and was with us for about a week. She too was very helpful. Our first night at home with just the three of us, was Monday, the 18th.



Faith and I with a Nasty Snake! Faith and a crocagator.

CROCAGATORS and BOUDAIN?!?

Going to the park has not been the only thing we have done since we moved here. We have also been to some old historic homes, to the Sabine Pass Battlegrounds, to the Tri-County Veterans Memorial, and to Gator Country. At Gator Country we saw many alligators, huge turtles, and a big snake. Faith had a blast, and we agreed that the snake we held was gross. She was so excited about being there that she would say, "I want to see the crocagators!" Southeast Texas is a little different from home. We have had the opportunity to try Boudain, a sausage stuffed with meat, rice and seasonings - different, but tasty. I'm sure we will have many experiences to share. Take care and we hope all is well with you.

Love, Janie, Mike and Faith Holtz

"Some family trees bear an enormous crop of nuts." – Wayne H.