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Dear Wheels' Friends,

You've heard the saying, "while the cat is gone the mice will play!". Well, we have two very important 'cats' out of the office at this time, but the mice aren't exactly playing (we don't dare!). We're trying too hard to hold things together. We've even had headaches from trying so hard!

Coach is on the road right now, with our 22nd team of coast-to-coast riders. When I think back that the first bikes, for the very first trip of 1000 miles, were put together in our garage, I stand in awe and amazement at the things God does and continues to do, even in spite of ourselves sometimes! It's a very interesting group this summer; very diversified. There are several married couples. Get this: one couple is 50 and 54 years old. How about that! They're making it! We have a whole family on this trip - mom, dad and four children. There is an Indonesian young lady from West Germany, and a young man from Belgium. We have two girls on the trip who don't even weigh 100 pounds, and a staff guy who weighs 230 pounds (how diversified can you get, huh?!) You know that he counts these trips. Besides the tain Run (Rockies) in

The other 'cat' gone from us all together. For vanis, taking care of her tion to their needs for her too; for wisdom and task. Thanks!

The 'mice' of the office now include me (Barb, coach's wife), Dani, our daughter, who is doing the books for Sue, and Chris Crawford, an RN who volunteers her mornings to help us.
Speaking of Dani, she was married to Neil Williams, May 16th, in the Wandering Wheels' Kitchen-Retreat House. It was very special! and again, something we would never have dreamed of when this project began. We also have a wedding reception scheduled in July, in the 'Kitchen'. Even though it is not finished, with the right touches it can look lovely and warm! Please be praying for it's completion and it's use. It has so many possibilities! Our biggest needs are in the food service equipment area, (e.g. stoves, refrigerator, sinks, dishes, pans, etc.) Know any good buys?!

One of our 'cats' that is still here, although in and out a lot, is Steve Manganello who runs the Possum program. I'm going to give him space to update you in this area.

"It's hard to comprehend the faithfulness of our Lord! In the ten years that the Possum ministry has been running, we have covered over 1,300,000 miles, and even though that included a spectacular accident there have been no serious injuries."

"To put that in space age terms, we will be returning from our third trip to the moon sometime in early 1982! And more exciting is, that in that same period of time, we've had the privilege of spending quality time growing up in God with over 16,000 young people! Please join us in praising the Lord for extending His special measure of grace toward us in the mobile retreat facet of our ministry."

Do we have the words to say how much you encourage us? It doesn't seem so at times, but, please be assured that your notes of interest and your giving really does!! I once read that our thoughts and feelings are often prisoner to our words. How true this seems at times. You all know how that is, so you'll understand the stumbling we feel at saying "THANKS"!

We DO appreciate you more than words can say. We pray for all of you, that "our God of hope will fill you with great joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

If we can serve you in any way, please let us know. We want to!!!

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