IN THE DISTANCE

   I had the opportunity to visit South Dakota and some of the surrounding area.  We saw multiple wonders but for me one of the wonders was the fact you could see so far.  Here in Alabama one might see for a mile or so if you can view from the top of a mountain.  While traveling in South Dakota we saw a small white dot in the distance.  We set our mileage and traveled until we got even with that white dot which turned out to be a water tower.  The distance was twenty miles.  We could actually see the mountains which were even further away but we had no way of measuring the distance.  So you could say that we could see at least twenty miles.

        Two things I want to mention concerning this blessing.  One is the blessing of experiencing the ability to travel to such a place.  Kathie and I often talk about our meager beginnings.  Both of us came from pretty poor backgrounds.  Our early years of marriage and raising children were hard times.  We never dreamed of ever traveling so far from home.  God has so blessed us to have opportunity to visit this wonderful place.  I use the word wonderful because we really experienced wonders.  The things we could see in that far distance.  We were traveling one day and in the far distance Kathie asked what kind of mountain it was that we could see in the distance?  It was shaped a little like trees but sort of like rock. When we finally reached it we found that it was part of the Badlands.  It was rock but really rare rock.  Another distant blessing was Mount Rushmore.  As we were traveling through the mountains of an area of the Black Hills we came through a little one lane tunnel.  As we were about halfway through the tunnel we could see the president’s faces of Rushmore.  It was absolutely amazing.

       Another thing I would mention is that we really need a vision, spirituality, from the Lord.  The ability to think futuristically is a blessing from God.  To lay foundations for our children, that prepares them for years down the road or even all of life ahead, is a blessing for us and our children.  To envision the life ahead of the church or your Sunday School class using the blessing of seeing down the road.  School teachers are people who are looking into the future for kids.  We know that the further we go down the road, the clearer the future becomes.  Just like the hills of the Badlands, our visions will become up close reality in time. To God be the glory! Great things he has done!

Yours in Christ,

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