



Michael, Elizabeth & Anita

## The view from *This Little Row in the Lord's Vineyard*

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## Team Work

Our daughter Elizabeth is playing soccer. She was even elected co-captain of the team. The time and transportation commitment is taxing for us as parents (Michael actually does the driving and is the "Soccer Mom," though he does not really like to be called that). There is a constant pressure to balance sports time with academic time and leisure time.

To be committed to a soccer team, and to follow-through on that commitment even when it is inconvenient, is an experience that builds character even as it builds muscles and coordination.

Most often we work in teams here. Those fortunate enough to be employed where a work team functions as a team know what a blessing it can be, as well as how productivity and job satisfaction are enhanced. In a Christian ministry, teamwork is evidence of the message in action. Remember the old song "They will know we are Christians by our love"?

Patients coming to the Clinic recognize the loving care that they receive. The patients at the HIV/AIDS treatment center are generally also aware of the team effort of the physicians, nurse, psychologist, peer counselors, lab technician, and community outreach workers (many of whom they may interact with on a single visit).

The community health team also exemplifies the team concept and tries to model it as a basis for successful community group action. Love, commitment, and team effort can be as visible as conflict, disorder, and fragmentation. In the sphere of Christian evangelism, our actions often speak louder than words.

If I complain about the impact of soccer on our family schedule, please remind me that being a committed member of the team is a high calling – it is worth trying to work it out.

Keep praying, Anita

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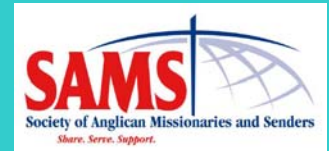
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