

# 8/8/84

Too fast. This weekend we went to Botanical Gardens with Pete & Allen and I played tourist taking pictures of flowers and trees. Oh how we need to do more of that! We spent the first 18 months trying to divorce ourselves of the tourist image. Now we want to tour and take pictures so we can try to retain the images that must fade or distort if committed to memory. So much to capture now. So many people I want to photograph before it's too late! Fortunately, Mark Newborough left us his motorcycle while he holidays for 3 weeks. We hope to get out - especially to Montreal Gardens which we have never seen.

My thoughts now are jumbled. First I think about home and family. Then about jobs stateside (Egad! Can I do it). Where? How? When? Where will the Lord lead us next? How can we capitalize on our growth and experiences here and transform them into a lifestyle stateside that is compatible with this new worldview we have? When will all this come about? A whole new host of anxiety grips us. A worry about how marketable I'll be. Support Debbie and a future child or two. We've carved out a hard but acceptable niche here. We are finally comfortable in a sense here. Moving back to the States is awesome.

But plans and the reality of a tour of Europe is upon us and that needs to be dealt with. Plans to leave, itineraries, connections and endless P.C. paperwork will be upon us when we return from Europe. So much going on now that it is difficult to do more than just prepare for the next 4 months. Where How & When?



**Pete and Alan (our visitors from Dominica) and Debbie at the Botanic Gardens**



**Nutmeg with Mace**



**Plum Rose**



**Bird of Paradise**

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