

**Chevy Chase, Sep 19, 2015** It has been a long while since my last words here, I know. It has been an extremely busy time, I tell you. How busy, you ask? Two-trips-to-Europe busy. The first one to Portugal, for a family wedding. We took advantage of this trip and tagged along a two-week R&R break (that's rest & recuperation in US military jargon), plus one week for me, for a few visits to a few doctors, et cetera, et cetera. The second one involved the Mule (i.e., my motorcycle), and took me from the UK to Austria and then to Portugal. More on this trip below on this page.

I have also been busy with the aftermath of my The Americas journey. This has included, among other things, writing articles for a few magazines and making a presentation about it during my second stay in Portugal. For more on all this stuff, check out The Americas page.

Things are now a bit quieter here in Chevy Chase, with me done (for the time being, anyway) with trips and trips' stuff; Lucy on "light duty" at State; Filipa back in college (now on her Junior year, can you believe it?); and Ben still in Portugal.

...but don't you worry, as this "quietness" will not last for very long: time for the family's next move is upon us! If things go as they should, we will soon be back in Africa!

Stay tuned. Cheers.

Jorge