



December 2016 Praise Letter

Praises

1st Semester of school finished for our kids in the States.

Doug and Hannah went to ABWE missions conference in Greece.

Our big kids spiritual growth and fruit.

Getting settled in new house and finding opportunities to share Christ in our neighborhood.

Caleb has his drivers license!

Prayer Requests

Wisdom for Doug directing Missionary Finance and Donor Service teams at ABWE

Balance of school, church, and ministry roles

Time for Heather to study and complete her graduate classes at Cedarville.

Ministry Roles at church

Small group meetings in our home

Dear Friends and Supporters,

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

A late merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you! As we finish 2016 and look forward to a another year in the journey toward heaven, we are always amazed at all the things God has allowed to happen in the past year. Each year we think things will be more "normal" next year, and then God just seems to ramp up the change and transition in each of our lives. Although we would all agree that we do not know what tomorrow will hold for us, as a believer in Christ—I can walk with confidence that I know what the Bible teaches about my future. Jesus Christ (referenced in the verse above) is THE Mighty God, our Everlasting Father, our Prince of Peace, and our Wonderful Counselor as we progress through this short life on earth. I am ever so glad that our God does not change!!

Our last prayer letter was written back in October so we have much to update you over the last couple of months.

From an ABWE ministry side I (Doug) had a quick three day trip to Florida with some co-workers to investigate and eventually purchase a new accounting SW program for ABWE. The current system we have is quite antiquated, so we are excited to make a major improvement to help track the funds for our missionaries and projects around the world. I returned on Friday, Oct 28th with enough time to drive to the office, pick up a presentation and immediately go give a presentation at ABWE's 24 Hour Demo were we talk with prospective missionaries thinking about joining ABWE. On Saturday, Oct 29th, we drove up to northern Pennsylvania where both Heather and I both had the honor to speak at the commissioning service for Angela Clouser. Angela was in Chile short-term with us from 2011 to 2013 and is returning as a full-time missionary!! I still remember our commissioning service from our home church back in 2007, and I still remember the charge from our senior pastor David Kisner! I doubt my words will be remembered that long—but it was still a great time!



As we got into early November I had another presentation and series of interviews with a group of ABWE missionaries as they prepared to leave for the field, and then Hannah and I went to Greece for just over 1 week for the Western Europe Missionary Conference. This was a conference with roughly 200 ABWE and national co-workers held about 1 hour north of Greece. Doug spent a lot of time talking with the missionaries and answering various questions and Hannah was busy all week helping with the kids program. After the conference we had the unique opportunity to spend a day in Athens and walking the steps of Paul from the Bible. It was unique to stand atop Mars Hill where Paul talked to the Aeropagus from Acts 17 where Paul stood above the markets and just below the Acropolis explaining the life and death of Jesus Christ to this very religious city. It was the most epic Daddy-Daughter date ever!!

Heather has been super busy working in the education department of ABWE, working on finishing her Master's Degree from Cedarville (hopefully this coming summer), and working with our four kids. There are some upcoming other ministries with ABWE as well so stay tuned.

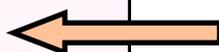
In family news (take a deep breath), Caleb turned 17 and got his drivers license!! We have been actively part of a small group at our church, and next year it looks like this will be permanently meeting in our home. Heather and I are now working with our church's youth group, and Elizabeth and Esther turned 8 years old as well. We have been doing some work on our house to hopefully house missionaries in the future and look forward to hearing about God's work from around the world.

Please continue to remember our prayer request about funds for our old church in Santiago. We saw some Facebook pictures and they added a tent for extra seating during the summer because they are out of space!! The account for this project is 0741111 (Satellite City Baptist Church).



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