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# The Chapmans

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Dear Pastor and Friends,

First Grandchild – As I mentioned in our last update, Cyndi and I returned to the States for a brief furlough (May – July) and the birth of our first grandchild. Kenley was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. 2023 and weight in at 8 lbs. 11 oz. His full name is Kenley (after my grandfather) Brooks (after Melissa's father) Elior (meaning "God is My Light or God is Gracious) Chapman.



Needless to say, both Cyndi and I are, in Melissa's words, "unashamedly smitten with him." Yes, we have both become those obnoxious grandparents that you hear so much about. We are grateful for the time that we had to spend with them, and I have a new walking buddy.

*Furlough* – While back, I had the privilege of speaking in about 30 different churches, 5 different Vacation Bible Schools and Day Camps, at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Massillon Baptist College and a Father's Day picnic. Cyndi also assisted at the VBC's and had the opportunity to speak at a Mother's Day Luncheon.

We also had the opportunity of catching up with Joy and Jon, our daughter and son-in-law in Florida and even squeezed a whitewater rafting trip with our son, Caleb. (Caleb and a couple of his friends have just begun a new ministry called "Intentional Adventures." If you are interested in a whitewater or wilderness adventure, check out tryintentionaladventures.com).

*Men* – I want to thank the six men that preached while I was away: Andrew, Mark, Miller, Lachlan, Anthony, and Jacob. Our people were greatly encouraged by their messages from the Book of Philippians.



*Ministry* – While it was extremely difficult to leave the States (Kenley) this time, we are thankful for the folks that we have in Darwin. They truly welcomed us back with open arms and warm hearts. They had a special day for us on Sunday with special music and a luncheon after the morning services. Please continue to pray for us as we attempt to reach the people of the Northern Territory of Australia.

God Bless – The Chapmans