



March 2021

The Lord has certainly done much for our family this past month. He has allowed us to be a part of three Missions Conferences in which the Lord's presence was certainly felt. Along with the Missions Conferences, six other churches opened their doors to us and their hearts to our ministry. Several of these churches have already taken us on for support, for which we are truly grateful!

This month has brought some huge surprises, as well as answers to prayer. One big praise is that we have been able to schedule our survey trip to Port Elizabeth, South Africa. As most know, we will be working with veteran missionaries, Brent and Selina Bergey. During this survey trip, we will be able to explore the new country to which the Lord has called us, gather information on housing, build relationships with the people of Abundant Life Baptist Church, and start building a rapport with the community. (Matthew cannot wait to try out the local coffee shops we have heard so much about!) We will be traveling July 14th-30th. Our trip has already been partially funded by generous donations from supporting churches, as well as personal supporters. Please pray as we continue to plan for this trip!

As far as traveling goes, our children (Savannah, Eason, and Cullen) have fallen in love with the constant changing of locations during deputation. Though they enjoy seeing friends and family when possible, they often tell us how excited they are to make NEW friends.

God has proven his faithfulness to us so much along our journey. Multiple times this month, before we were even aware of a need arising, the Lord has provided the funds. For instance, we dropped in at a church and they gave us a generous love offering, unaware that their gift would meet a major need that arose with our camper that night! We never mentioned our need to them, but God knew! What a **mighty** God we serve.

We were able to surprise Eason on his 7th birthday (March 31st) with a SHARK birthday party. It wasn't a huge party, but he was able to be with some of his friends at Carrollton Baptist Temple (where we were in the ministry before God called us to South Africa). He was so overjoyed to see his friends and be able to run around and play in the gym with them! While in Carrollton, Ohio we were able to put our house on the market. Please pray with us that it will sell quickly so we can be one step closer to South Africa!

Our scheduling of meetings has been fantastic. We are almost completely booked through November 2021 and are currently booking meetings through March of 2022. It is encouraging to see our availabilities for meetings become more scarce as the Lord fills our calendar (Praise the Lord!).



Shining Light Academy competed to raise money for missions. Meet the student body and Principal Lyndsey Blalock.



Church Workday



Bear's Church Buddy, Chris Murray

Praises:

- At least five new supporting churches this month.
- Several individuals have taken us on for monthly support.
- Continued travel safety
- A Christian School/Church Family in NC presented us with a \$5000 check towards our survey trip!
- Savannah (8), Eason (7), Cullen (4) have been champs with homeschooling on the road, crazy travel and sleep schedules, as well as loving family days!

Prayer Requests:

- More supporting churches.
- Continued travel safety.
- Good health for the family.
- Our house in Carrollton, OH would sell quickly.
- Ticket prices will continue to lower for our survey trip.
- God will allow us to be a blessing to the churches we visit.