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2022 — 2nd Quarter Prayer Letter

Greetings in the name of our lovely Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

"Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: (12) That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." ~ II Thessalonians 1:11-12

Praise the Lord for His continued goodness and grace in our lives both personally and spiritually. It has been a very busy summer so far, which is par for the course like most churches I'm sure. Along with Bible camps, this year we also had our tri-annual orientation with Macedonia World Baptist Missions, which was hosted by the Buffalo Baptist Church in Buffalo, WY.

Let me just say, I am reminded of the great privilege and honor that has been afforded me and my family in the ministry all these years in three main areas; 1.) to have such a wonderful sending Church (Fellowship Baptist Church in Maryville, TN), to have such a wonderful sending Pastor (Pastor Tom Hatley), and to partner with such a wonderful mission board (Macedonia World Baptist Missions)! The orientation this year was a great blessing to me personally and to my family. It was a much needed time of refreshment and fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ with the same calling and passion for souls here in the North West of these great United States of America! There were also many that came to help from our sister churches in the south that paid their own way and gave of their time to help make this orientation such a great success. I am always humbled by the love and investment that so many (just like all of you) have made in us and in all the mission efforts here in the West. Only eternity will reveal the harvest that was the result of every investment made!

In the recent weeks, we have had several visiting missionaries, evangelists, and our field directors (Bro. and Sis. Hutchens) assisting us in our Sunday morning services. We took these opportunities to start the process of revamping our youth ministry (which has yet to fully recover after the effects of 2020 and COVID.) I have been ministering to a group of about 10 precious souls that expressed an interest in investing in our youth. Please pray for us as we continue to train these folks and as we start some new classes in the near future!

Lastly, we also are experiencing some growth in our family as I had the privilege to join our son, Levi, and his fiancé, Kenzie, in Holy Matrimony on Sunday, July 31st. This is certainly new ground for Jennifer and myself, and it comes with many emotions. As we have been going through the process of counseling and doing our best to help prepare them for their new life together, I praise the Lord for a young couple that has been teachable thus far. Please help us in praying for Levi and Kenzie and that they will keep our Lord Jesus Christ in the center of their lives and their marriage!



