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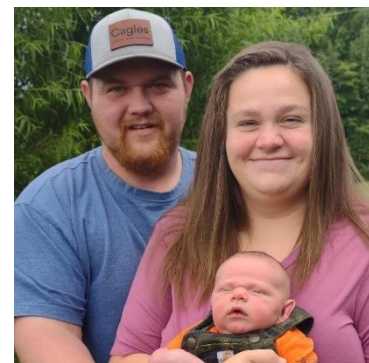
Dear Praying Friends and Supporters;

In II Corinthians 11:23-33 Paul gives a big list of things that he has done, endured, and suffered as a minister of Christ. He begins the list by saying, "I speak as a fool", then listing those things after. I can only identify with some of those things, such as, "in perils of water", or "in weariness", "in cold" (but only while I am in the US). The point being, in verse 28 he says, "Beside those things that are without, that which cometh to me daily, the care of all the churches". Here we have 6 churches, or missions, that we are trying to "care" for. Harder than caring for these, is trying to do it from outside the country, while we are in the US. But being in the US is sometimes a necessity.

There were three particular events that brought us into the States for the months of May and June. First being our daughter Lydia graduating from Anchor Baptist Bible Institute on the 6th of May. It is hard to believe that these three years there have passed so quickly. Lydia has involved herself not just in the class studies, but also in the working of the ministry there. She has quickly become a vital part of the work there, working in the mission warehouse, helping at times in the Christian school, food preparation, disaster relief efforts, and now working in the radio ministry as well. As parents we are proud of her, not only for completing the studies, but more so, getting involved in the work of the Lord.



The second event came the 10th of June. Our son, Levi, married MaryLou Martin, (now Trask). We had met her before, and have gotten to know her better this last year, especially 2 weeks at Christmas. She and Levi were very particular to follow good guidelines for dating and courtship, having good accountability during that time. It is a thrill not only to have MaryLou as part of our family, but also, to get to know the Martins (her family) and us become part of their family as well.



The third event was the birth of Samuel to Jacob and Kayla, our son-in-law and daughter. He was scheduled to arrive on the

18th of June. He obviously did not get the memo. On the 10th, the day of the wedding, Kayla began having contractions. As the wedding was beginning, she was being hooked up to monitors! However, my predictions of the wedding kiss and the birth coinciding did not happen. It was the 28th of June before Samuel Carthell Brown made his arrival. He weighed in at 10 pounds and 5 ounces, and was 21.5 inches long. We were only able to spend a couple of days with them at that time, but now all of our trips and visits to churches are gauged by "how close does it come to the grandbaby?" (and close is relative)



During these two months we tried to only schedule meetings in the general areas where these three events were taking place. The idea being to be able to help with graduation, wedding shower, baby shower, wedding preparations, and of course, sitting around waiting for Samuel to arrive. However, the month of August we will be on the

road the entire time. We will start in Kentucky then on to Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and finishing up the last day of the month coming back through Kentucky.

The first week of July we were privileged to participate in a Junior camp. My favorite part is being able to pray with them at the altar. I ask them what they came for, and they tell me, then we just pray about it with them. This year the Lord burdened my heart that children, even young children, need to learn to pray. Jesus, speaking of "innocent" children, told his apostles that "their angel" continually sees the face of the Father. That gave me the thought that these children have some sort of direct connection or access to the father that "accountable" children, young people or adults don't have. I sure would like to have a bunch of kids praying for me.

After camp I had the honor to bring our pastor, Bro. Bill South, and his son, Robert, down here to Honduras. It was quite the adventure since the house had been closed up for two months. What supplies were left, were running low so most things had to be purchased on arrival. And of course, as seems to be tradition when guests come, the wind picked up for the crossing of the bay. We had a Bible revival planned for the week, so there was no opportunity to sit around and get adjusted. The next morning after church we loaded up in the boat and went to cut poles for the brush arbor. I had paid for our national pastors to come in and to bring their wives. While the wives were here at the house cooking, there were ten of us that went out, so the cutting and hauling went fast. We came back and had a bite to eat and went up to the revival site to build the arbor. Thursday morning started three mornings of handing out tickets that people could bring to the service and receive a Bible. All morning was spent handing out 200 tickets and putting the plastic roof on the arbor. Each night Bro. South preached the first message and one of the pastors preached the second. I had asked each one to preach on a specific topic each night beginning with sin, Heaven, Hell, and then salvation. Each night after Bro. South's message we would hand out the Bibles. Only those who came in and sat down could get a Bible, so each night almost all of the 200 chairs were full with others standing outside. We were able to hand out over 500 bibles in those four evening services. What a great blessing to be able to sow the seed in both the preached Word and also the physical Word!

On Monday we accompanied Bro. South and Robert back to the airport for them to head back to the US. I spent the night in the big city and went the next day to complete the payment for the young man Leben's hip surgery. This amount I had to pay in person because we did not have the cash for the total amount. But praise the Lord, we were able to pay with credit card and Leben had his surgery the next day. From his report, the surgery went well. He has had pain from the surgery, but not the same pain in the joint as before. He has sent me several audio messages, about 5 minutes' worth of thanking us and those of you who helped him to have this surgery. We are praying that when he recovers that he will be able to walk and get around without pain.

We are saddened today to find out that we are losing a young family that we have had here for the last three months. When he came, he had a great story of conviction and asking the Lord to save him. Later when I asked if he wanted to get baptized, he claimed he had been baptized by his dad as a 10 or 11 year old child. That showed that he did not understand baptism. Later talking again, he changed his story that he was baptized as a 15 year old by a former teacher in our Institute. In the end, he decided that the conversion story he told was only a time of reconciliation and not salvation. I had to tell him that until he had a sure testimony of salvation that I could not let him participate in the work of the church nor let him preach. He has decided that he is going to go back to the city where there is a "Baptist" church that will let him do all the things that he wants. It is very disheartening to see how strong of a grip that the engrained false doctrine has on people. A repentant sinner is saved by faith. Anything outside of or in addition to that is works. Hebrews 4:2, the gospel "did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it".

There is spiritual blindness all over the world. The Holy Spirit is the only One Who can enlighten the soul and mind. Please continue to pray for us as we continue sowing the Gospel Seed.

In His Service,

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