



# THE HAWKS FAMILY

*Missionaries to the State of Missouri*

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Dear Pastor and praying friends,

Paul knew and experienced the power of prayer and he continuously asked believers to pray for him. He understood that his ministry would be unsuccessful without it. *"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:"* [II Thessalonians 3:1] We ask that you do the same for us as God is faithful to answer.

If you were to walk into our auditorium and turn its lights on, you would see a wooden cross lit up in the baptistry as well. The answer to man's problems is found in the cross. A young convert named Jesse built the cross and designed the lighting for it. In March, he was baptized with that same cross behind him. That same day, his four year old son, Jace went forward in Sunday School and in tears trusted Christ as his Saviour. He has completely changed and he prays with such purpose and with much spirit. Although he does not like attention and is shy, he boldly leads the kids' class in prayer. Jesse, his wife Hannah, and Jace joined the church. They are growing in the Lord and getting involved. Praise the Lord for the victories won in this family! Please help us pray to reach more young couples for the Lord.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> we had a special service for our first responders. Nine law enforcement officers attended, and Air Vac landed their helicopter on the church property after lunch. I preached the gospel to them and our church provided lunch for them. Local businesses were generous with donations that we gave to them after the service. Each first responder was truly grateful for all that was done on their behalf. Pray with us for their safety and salvation.

The adult Sunday School class is being trained on how to witness in everyday life. Jesus and His disciples used every opportunity to share the gospel, and we must do the same. Opportunities are all around us, and God is opening doors for the class members in amazing ways.

We have had several kids accept Christ; and every week, each of them come hungry for God's Word. The kids, those who can and cannot read, are becoming more familiar with how to use their Bibles, and all of them can find Scripture that is being called out.

Keep praying; God is blessing. God is saving souls, and some are very close to trusting Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

In Christ,

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