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The Gainer family
serving in Ukraine

Verse of the Month

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart rejoices, and I praise Him with my song. Psalm 28:7

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Kid's Corner

It has certainly been a busy couple of months. The boys have thoroughly enjoyed playing with the train board that Jon and I built them for Christmas, and have had a great time playing outside the last couple of days thanks to a "heat wave"! Hey, 50 degrees in mid February in the middle of Illinois is a heat wave! Anyway, I really let them loose last Saturday. We got on our boots and our coats, and walked up to the bank where a friend of mine works, and the boys got suckers. Then we walked down to the library and looked at books and played with the dinosaurs. Then came the fun part! On the way home, I let them jump in every puddle they could find! When we got home, they played on their swing set and got their boots all muddy. When they were done, I let them get into the fire pit that was full of water and splash around until all of the mud was off. Then it was back in the house for a bath and lunch. We all had a great day, and hope we get to do it again soon!

Financial Report

Monthly Support Needed:
\$3000

We have 28.5% Committed
Need to raise \$2145 more

Start-up expenses:
\$25,000

We have 33% Committed
Need to raise \$16,805 more

The gift of Love...

When Jon and I first started dating, he told me something that I didn't believe at first and it took him a long time to convince me it was true. He told me that Love is not a feeling, it is a choice. When you are young and dating, you think love is the fuzzy feeling you get when you see your boyfriend walk into a room, or the way your hand tingles when he holds it. But I have learned over the past 7 years of being married and reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 several times, that love IS a choice. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres". All of the words used here to describe love are not feelings, they are actions. They are things that are done, or not done. Everyday that I wake up I CHOOSE to love Jon no matter what happens. I may not always like something that he says or does, but I choose to love him anyway, and try to show that love through



my actions, words and attitudes. This month, if Jon and I say that we "feel loved", it is only because so many of you have chosen to love us. Just yesterday, I received an amazing gift from our good friends. They had been praying about how they could support our ministry, and show their love for us and for Jesus through that gift. She knew that I really wanted to attend the Hearts at Home conference, but that I couldn't afford to go. Knowing that strengthening my relationship with God and learning better ways to take care of my family would be helpful for us while we are in Ukraine, they chose to love us by giving me a check to cover the cost of the conference! They aren't the only ones who are opening their hearts and choosing to love us by supporting our ministry. We received an update today on our financial support. We were so amazed by everyone's tremendous generosity! We are getting closer to our goal, and have you guys to thank! Thank you all so much for your support and prayers and most of all, for CHOOSING to love us and God! We love you too.

The Power of the Web

Well, after a lot of tweaking, we are very pleased to announce that our website is up and running! You can check it out at: www.five4one.org. There are a lot of different things you can do on our new website. From finding out a little bit more about us and our ministry, to looking at our blog, to looking at our daily prayer calendar and signing up to be a partner on our team. We are really excited to have this wonderful way to keep you all updated on what is going on in Gainerville! We will be posting a new article on our blog at least once a week, and will be adding things to our prayer calendar as they arise. Please check it out and let us know what you think!



We took this picture last weekend, when the boys had their first chili dogs and ice cream floats. We have no idea what Jonah was doing, but have decided that he looks like a rabid squirrel! We laugh every time we look at this picture, and he thinks it is funny because he isn't drinking his float like everyone else. If he only knew..... Hope it gives you a giggle too!