

“You should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don’t be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.” 2 Timothy 4:5

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Kid’s Corner

On Thursday, Aug. 20th, Jonah our 3 1/2 year old had a seizure. We took him to the local ER and they did a CT scan and some blood work which both thankfully came back normal. They did refer us to a pediatric neurologist in Iowa City who recommended that we do an EEG. and Praise the Lord, that came back normal too!!!! Thank you to all of you who were praying for Jonah and our family.

Everything else is going pretty well with the boys. They seem to be adjusting well to being back in SC and really like homeschooling. Alex asked me on Saturday when he got to do his school work! We’ll just hope that never wears off!

Financial Report

We are SO close to reaching our monthly support goal, and we need YOUR help to make it happen!

We still need to raise \$200 a month. If we can get 8 people to support us at \$25 a month, we would be able to meet our goal!

Would you please prayerfully consider partnering with us for \$25 a month?

Home is Where the Heart Is

I have heard that saying a million times and usually think that it’s a pretty nice sentiment. Not until the last couple of months have I realized just how true those words are.

Since May of this year, we have “moved” 4 times. On May 24th, Jon and I and our boys moved from Mt. Pulaski, IL to Davenport, IA for a just a couple of weeks. Then, on August 6th, we moved to Columbia, SC to study Russian for 8 weeks. When our studies were over, we moved back to Davenport for 3 1/2 weeks, only to return to South Carolina again for another 4 months. In December, we will be moving back to Davenport for another 3 weeks, and then



we will make our final move to Ukraine. If you think your head is spinning....

There have been a lot of changes in our lives over the past couple of years and months, but there is one thing that has never changed; the love we feel from the people around us.

When we lived in Davenport, that was home. But when we go to visit Mt. Pulaski, that is home. And right now, Columbia is home.

We feel so tremendously blessed to be able to feel at home in so many places, and we want you to know that you all have very special place in our heart.

Hey! Who’s in Charge Here?

I am constantly asking my boys, “Who is in charge?” Isaac our 2 1/2 year old routinely says, “Only Mommy and Daddy.” Well, that is only partially true.

Why is it that we insist that our children obey us and do what we ask because we know what’s best for them, but we are so quick to make decisions for ourselves without consulting our heavenly Father who knows what is best for us?

We go about life asking God for what we

want, but always have a plan B just in case He doesn’t follow through. I know for me, it is generally because I don’t like to not be in control. I want to know exactly what is going to happen, when it is going to happen, and who will be there.

But what we need to remember, is that it is GOD, not us that is in control. He has a reason for every single thing that happens whether we understand it or not. But then, we don’t need to understand it because it isn’t our plan, it’s HIS!!!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				17 Please pray for our team leader Stas and his family	18 Thank God for a child in your life	19 Thank God for providing for all of our NEEDS, and some of our wants
20 Pray that we would find a church home in Columbia, SC	21 Please pray for me as I homeschool the boys	22 Pray for the lost souls in Ukraine	23 Pray that we would lead our children by example	24 Thank God for exterminators! Bye Bye "Palmetto Bugs"!!!	25 Pray for us to focus on God	26 Thank God for your family
27 Please pray that we would draw our strength from God	28 Thank God for all of our supporters	29 Pray for us to have joyful hearts in all circumstances	30 Pray that our minds would be able to absorb the Russian we are learning	1 Pray for the orphans and street children in Ukraine	2 Pray that our boys would continue to adjust well	3 Pray for safe travels down to Florida!
4 Thank God for our wonderful family	5 Thank God for His amazing creation. I especially love the beach!	6 Pray that we would enjoy our time with Matt and Katie	7 Praise God for my sister Jessie's 30th birthday!	8 Pray that the boys would be well behaved	9 Thank God for time to spend with family	10 Please pray for a safe trip back to SC
11 Please pray for our nations leaders	12 Thank God for RLM and their teachers!	13 Thank you God for 8 wonderful years of marriage!	14 Please pray for the Christian churches in Ukraine	15 Pray that Jon and I would continue to draw our strength from God	16 Thank God for keeping us healthy	17 Pray that we would have a fun family day

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