

Only He Gets The Glory Merry Christmas!

Our family had an eventful fall! Over the three months, we had many adventures as a family, hosted mission teams, organized and help three major community outreach events, and maintained a regular ministry schedule. It is truly amazing the resources and wisdom God provides to glorify His name. As I talk with people, I remind people, "Be ready to work when you pray for God to provide resources." This is especially true when keeping the gospel at the core of life and ministry.

Over the past three months, our family adventures include: adding a new driver, archery as a homeschool event, continual work on homeschool year, first visits to a beach and Texas, first birthday parties ever, Thanksgiving celebration, first Christmas tree farm outing. We are so blessed on this journey God has called us to live. No, every day is not easy; however, His mercy and grace pulls us through life. God continually provides for our family as we lean forward in faith to serve Him.

Gina and I are enjoying having another driver in the house. Amanda has been helping a lot with shuttling everyone around over the past two months. Harrison has taken up archery as a complete sport. He is doing well with his new-found sport. Mia continues to help with praise and worship each Sunday. We celebrated an 8 year old birthday in October; we celebrate a 7th birthday this month.

Riding the onion peeling rollercoaster continues as we move closer to adoption. Yes, this is a journey with many hurts and hurtful things said, but this is a journey that is forever changing the lives of all involved. The final paperwork is moving from one county office to the permanency office nearest to us. This journey has taught each member of our family much about love, grace, and mercy. We cannot wait until this journey is officially complete. We are finalizing name selection and beginning to make plans on celebrating the "gotcha day"! When all is settled, we will be sharing new names and able to share pictures of all five of our incredible children! Pray for our little ones as one is dealing with many anger outburst. Hard decisions are going to have to be made if behavior does not settle.

Please continue to pray for our family. We expect more rough days ahead as Christmas is approaching. As we celebrate by creating new good memories, we must help the little ones face their past. We know God is faithful through this entire journey! Continue you pray for Gina and myself as we balance home and ministry. Pray for the kids to continue to bond. Pray for the salvation of the two little ones (the ultimate adoption).



Romans 8:26-28

The Lord's Café

During the fall and winter months, The Lord's Café schedule slows down just a bit. This year, we are serving lunch on Monday and Friday each week. Currently, an average of 125 lunches are served each day. Wednesday is food give-away day. Each week nearly 100 families come shop for free groceries each week. The Lord's Café continues to operate through donation and volunteer help.

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Crossroads hosted our sixth annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This year, 1,376 meals were served on one day. God provided volunteers



from various states to help share the gospel and serve. This year, the total meal cost over \$3,500 to purchase food and supplies; many churches and individuals donated food items to make this meal possible. On the day of the dinner, clothing was given away in the parking lot to parents as children has an opportunity to hear a Bible lesson.

The Lord's Café continues to operate on donations and volunteers. This year, The Lord's Café has served approximant 19,000 lunches. An estimated 200,000 pounds of food has been donated through Feed America to use in the café and to give way to the community.

The Lord's Café exist as a place of refuge and prayer first and foremost. Secondly, The Lord's Café is a place where the physical need of food s met. Our goal continues to meet where they are at in order share the gospel.



Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

Philippians 1:27-28 (ESV)

Looking Ahead

During a financial shortfall, we are very confident God is calling us to move forward with the plans to enter a new area of ministry with The Light Community. Very soon, we will begin to raise support for property to see lay the foundation for this much need outreach in our county.

The Light Community is a place for individuals and families "to land" as they sort out life. This community will provide ministerial support of addiction recovery help, parenting/ family resources, and financial advice. Our goal is not to create more dependency, but to help individuals and family to regain traction to move forward in life. We will be sending out more information soon concerning this new ministry!

Summer 2017 and 2018 are starting to book with mission teams. We have many returning churches and several new churches. If you have not contacted us to schedule your team, please consider doing so soon. Also, if you would like us to come to your church to share, we are available to travel; we love sharing what God is doing here in Kentucky! Don't forget, we welcome missions teams, families, and individuals all year for missions.

We do ask you to continue praying for us. We are involved in great spiritual battles at home through the adoption process, in the outreach ministries, and in our faith family. We praise God for the battles as we pray for His wisdom to guide our path.

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@ The Learning Center

This is the first semester since January 2012 we have taken off from After School @ The Learning Center. We are shorthanded with volunteers; we also have time constraints with the ever-changing dynamics of our family. We in the process of revamping the children's outreach.

The Learning Center facility is not sitting idle. In October, Crossroads hosted the annual coat and winter clothing giveaway. We welcomed at least 300 individuals to come shop for winter clothes. In addition, we opened additional days to give away clothes. This year, we were blessed with coats, knitted items, clothing, underwear, and socks. This year the entire building was used with the items to giveaway!

The second Saturday of December, Crossroads hosted the fourth annual Christmas Backpack Giveaway. This year, the community was greeted in the parking lot with a living nativity complete with animals. Once everyone came inside, the gospel was shared through the story of Christmas. Cookies, coco, and coffee was next as children prepared to select a backpack. This year, over 600 children received backpacks on the day of the giveaway. During the days following, Crossroads distributed the additional 600 backpacks to selected students at three schools, child protective services foster children, Sunrise Children Service (Cumberland Region) foster children, a local children's home, and many others. Each backpack was packed with a Christmas gift, hygiene items, school supplies, a Bible, and the gospel. This was all sponsored through the Georgia Baptist Convention and Appalachian Regional Ministry (ARM/NAMB).



The Big
Picture!



We are seeing lives changed through the ministries and outreaches at Crossroads! We are seeing new individuals and families connect in with the faith family. In addition, we are seeing God break the chains of drug addiction's and bring salvation! We are seeing the community react to the ministry and the gospel differently. Trust is being established between our faith family and community. God is on the move!

Crossroads exist through partnership with believers and churches around the country. We have seen God move in mighty ways when His people are obedient in supporting. We continue to press forward in faith as we conclude 2016 and enter another new year of ministry. Currently, we are in a serious short fall for support as a ministry for 2016. Our operational expenses continue to increase. This year, we have not had as many individuals and groups to stay in The Learning Center. We are asking everyone to consider supporting Crossroads. We know God is control!