

Only He Gets The Glory!

The Hasty Family Update

Fall 2016

"Feeling more like family" this is a statement heard more frequently around our home. It has been a little over seven months since our family began growing by two. Our state worker wanted to see how we functioned as a family over a "normal" summer. Of course, Gina and I chuckled under our breath using "normal" and "summer" in the same sentence. We all survived summer. We ended summer with a trip to Pigeon Forge.



teach one week of Day Camp. Harrison and I are enjoying kayaking whenever we can break away. It is awesome to be in the water in less than fifteen minutes from leaving the house.

Mia continues to grow in her ability to play and help with worship. Her heart for worship continues to be shaped. Most weeks, she helped lead worship at Day Camp and each Sunday morning at worship. Mia is

We are thankful God has blessed us with five great children. Each of our kids were given opportunities to join in the ministry activities and have some downtime this summer. As a parent, it is amazing to watch how much our children have grown in their desires in life. God continues to use the outreach ministries of Crossroads to grow and shape the kids. We are thankful for a opportunities to have different avenues of service.

Amanda help to run Day Camp this summer. She was able to work with children who have endured much trauma. Amanda learned much this summer about kids and families. Her heart was continued to molded by God. At the end of summer, Amanda took a couple weeks off and flew to Texas to see family. Oh the adventure of her first solo time on a commercial flight. This school year, she starts her junior year. Volleyball and driving practice fills time weekly.

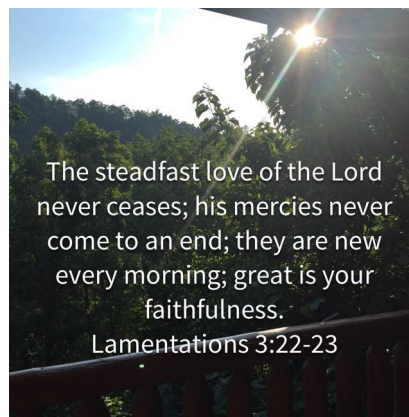
Harrison spent the summer in many different areas of ministry. His most unexpected experience was helping Jeremy (our visiting veterinarian); Jeremy allowed Harrison and other teens to help with the animals including spading and neutering some cats. He was able to help

making the adjustment from youngest of three to middle child of five. This has been a bit of challenge making the adjustment. She is doing well.

Our little ones have been with us for over seven months now.

The roller coaster does not have as many unexpected loops and hills; we can see them coming now. We still continue the long process of peeling the multiple layers off the trauma onion. These two are awesome kids. We are so blessed to have them moving closer to becoming a Hasty. We hope to enter the adoption paperwork process within a month or two. We are excited to celebrate birthdays in October for T and December for L. They do not remember any birthday parties.

We ask for your continued prayer for us as we all grow as a family. Gina and I have adjusted to our new schedules with five kids (three homeschool students and two public school students). Our typical Thursday includes two car loads to Somerset for volleyball, archery, basketball, and gymnastics. We continue to cling to James 1:5 as we press forward with all God has for us to demonstrate and share His glory. Thank you for your prayers and support!





This summer, The Lord's Café ran four days a week for hot lunch and one day of grocery giveaway. This was a different, but a welcomed pace for all the volunteers. Our food donation through God's Food Pantry requires only one day a week. We still get a large quantity of food each week, just in one day. We feel blessed to have the donation, and we are blessed our schedule has some needed breathing space without neglecting a much needed area of ministry.

The crowds at The Lord's Café stayed steady all summer around the 250 daily range. God always provided the need for food and volunteers to open. We still emphasize the absolute importance of the Gospel as teams and volunteers come to serve. We are blessed to have His presence each day as the teams come in to prepare, serve, and clean-up.

Clothing, hygiene, and adult and baby care items were given to those in need through the summer. Mission teams provided hygiene packets for Horizon and the laundry mat as they went to each location. These items are simple ways to help provide much assistance to many who cannot provide these items we often take for granted.

This fall, we are serving hot meals on Monday and Friday with food giveaway on Wednesday. Currently, we are feeding 120 hot meals twice a week. On Wednesday, between 80 and 100 families come for the food giveaway. Through the food donation most weeks, nearly eight pallets of food are given away. The food give away is a lot of work, but it is a blessing to have the community come shop for groceries. We strive to make people feel welcomed as they come through the doors of The Lord's Café.

The Learning Center

Summer Day Camp went very well this summer. Many lessons were learned as the kids came each day. Our attendance averaged between 15 and 20; however, we had 49 registered. A few of the kids came almost every day, while others came a few times during the summer. Out of all the kids registered, only 5 of the kids came from a traditional home setting with mom and dad married and still living together. The majority of the kids were in the foster care system or being raised by a non-parent family member.



Through the interaction at Day Camp and our family, God continues to shape my heart for the tremendous need of the fatherless. If we are to take Scripture seriously, our churches, as a whole, are not doing our role in providing for these children and their caregiver. The need to have a smaller student to teacher ratio became evident this summer. Some days ran smoother than other, but in the end, these children learned many great truths about God.

One of my favorite memories of Day Camp each summer is worship. The kids love singing songs about and to God through worship. For the third year, *God's Not Dead* was one of the most requested songs. One day while hearing this song ring through the entire learning center, it hit me what a powerful message for these kids. Some of the kids still live in tough situations. How incredible for them to know not matter what happens to them, or is done to them, God is not dead. He makes Himself known through His very presence in each of us. What an anchor for a child dealing with trauma in life!

This fall, we are not hosting After School @ The Learning Center. We do not have the volunteer base and the school system has drastically changed the student's homework packets. We are praying about restarting as early as second semester. This change has allowed our family to have a little more time for ourselves as we grow in number. This is a matter of prayer. We are praying for a fresh direction for this important ministry.

Sundays and Wednesdays are going well. Almost weekly we are seeing new faces. This is a breath of freshness! There have been a couple of Sundays of knowing certain

individuals would be unable to attend; however, the number in attendance would still be good. We are praying God will continue to grow our faith family. Currently, we are studying *The Insanity of Obedience* during Sunday School; I am preaching through James during worship. I am excited that several have taken the challenge to read both *The Insanity of God* and *The Insanity of Obedience*. Both books are challenging us all to reflect more of Christ in our culture and around the world. I am excited to see what God has in store for Crossroads!



A New Ministry On The Radar

Over the past month, God has allowed us to focus on another area of need in our county. We have many in the county who need a place to live following house fires, issues at home, or situations related to addictions. The new ministry will be call The Light Community. Currently, we are seeking land to develop a community to be safe haven for individuals needing a safe, temporary place to land. We are currently studying a couple of models to glean information.

Our vision is to incorporate both churches and local support to sponsor tiny homes or cottages for individuals, couples, or families. We want to have churches to build relationships with the individuals in the homes they sponsor (this will be discipleship based not financially based relationships). We desire to provide avenues for recovery from addictions, family support, and financial planning. Our goal is to have self-sustaining community including gardens and livestock.

To say this is a huge project is an understatement. We believe God is in this 100%. We believe it will happen in His time and His way. We are pressing forward in faith by casting the vision to many both in our community and outside the community. We are investing time and resources to study other models and learn both how to and how not to lessons. Will you join us in prayer for this exciting new opportunity to show and share the glory of God to those hitting rock bottom?

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 22—

ANNUAL COAT GIVE AWAY

NOVEMBER 19—

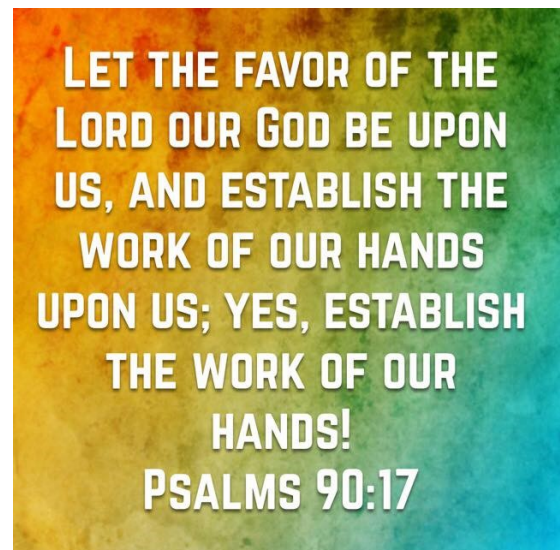
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

DECEMBER 10—

CHRISTMAS BACKPACK EVENT

We are booking teams for all of 2017 including summer. We welcome individuals, families, and teams all year. Please contact Grant for more information.

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