

ONLY HE GETS THE GLORY!

Hasty Family Update

September 2017

The finish line is in site for finalizing our adoption! God has taught us many lessons through the course of the process about our family, our individuals lives, and our spiritual journey with Him. Through it all, I am thankful for His mercy and grace to carry us through some very difficult time; by no means do we believe we are done with difficult days. We are also extraordinarily thankful for many of our family and friends who continue to pray for our family. We are excited for the next phase of life as a family. To be honest, I am excited about the court date, and curious to know the emotions that will come from knowing these two children are now my son and daughter.

There is never a dull moment in the Hasty home with five kids in school. Amanda is now a senior! She is exploring and praying through college and carrier paths. Harrison is a sophomore and one year away from that magical age of 16 and driving. He still enjoys nature and wood working. Mia is a freshman. She crossed the threshold of becoming a teenager at the beginning of the month. Yes, we now have three high school students homeschooling. Walt is in third grade. He is doing much better in school this year. He also spent a lot of time in the spring and summer with baseball and All Stars. Julia is in second grade. She is adjusting well to the new school year. She is involved in gymnastics.

Gina and I are enjoying our family time. Over the past couple of months, we have been able to “escape” to The Light Community property. As a family, we enjoy taking care of the animals and clearing more or the land. I am thankful to have a wife and partner in the ministry who loves to dream God size visions and dreams then move forward in faith. Summer was crazy, and fall has not slowed down much.

In the coming months, we are taking another step of faith. Since September 2010, we have leased our home from friends who now live in Alaska. We are in the beginning stages of purchasing the house from our friends. This is a huge step for us! We are thankful for our friends’ willingness to help us on the journey with Crossroads. We are excited and a bit nervous about making this our home by doing some home improvement projects. Ultimately, we believe now is the time to explore this opportunity.

Isaiah 40:28 (ESV)

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.





Crossroads continues to grow in many directions. Summer 2017 proved to be different than the past. God is funny that way, just when we think we have it figured out, He continues to stretch us in new and exciting ways for His glory. All areas of the ministry carried out the Gospel message of Christ to the county through the summer months. Many mission team members came and began their life on mission and not just a mission trip.

The Lord's Café celebrated 6 years of serving meals in June. We are so thankful for this avenue to meet not only the physical needs but the spiritual needs. Over the past six years, many relationships have been formed. Some are ongoing and others have been for a season. We continue to pray "God show us the need, and provide the resources." He is faithfully continuing to do just that!

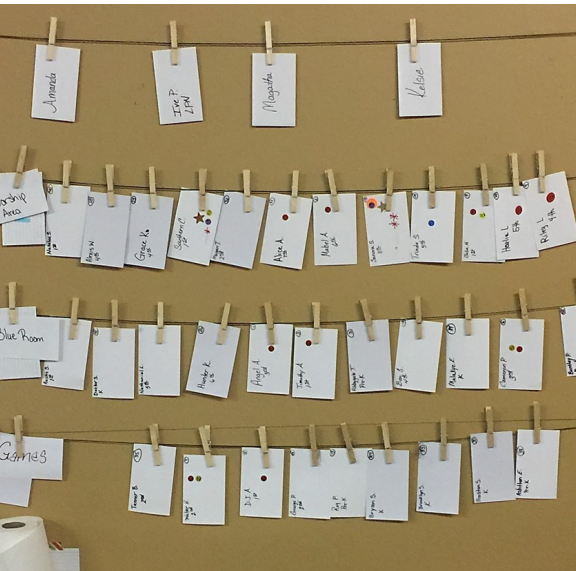
Each week in the summer, lunch was served at The Lord's Café four days a week. We averaged nearly 800 meals a week served. On Wednesdays, more than 100 families received groceries at the giveaway. Those are the resources. The ministry truly takes place around the table at lunch four days a week, during devotion, in the food line, and praying in the parking lot on Wednesdays. The ministry multiplies as churches who partner experience God at work then go home with a

new awareness of needs at home.

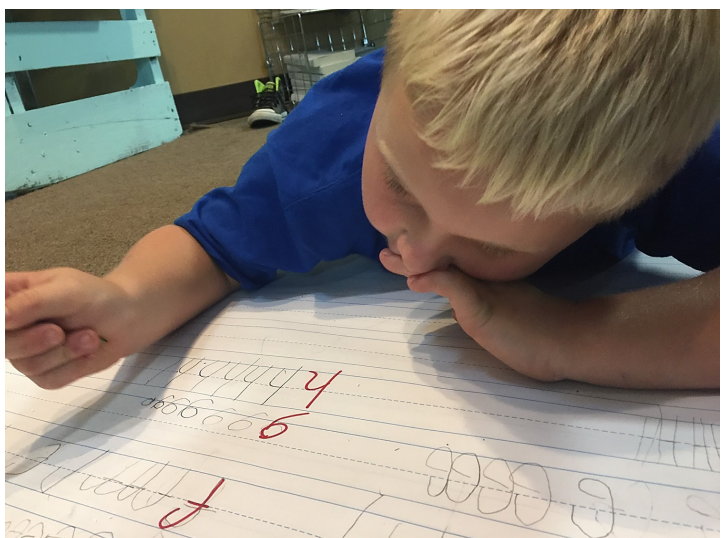


The Learning Center continues to stay active. This summer, Day Camp was awesome! God is allowing us to minister in new ways to families. Many of the

children involved in children's ministry are being raised by someone other than a biological parent. God is providing many grandparents, aunts, uncles, and foster parents to raise children who have already experienced much hurt in life. Through our personal journey, God has opened new conversations and awareness of needs of these families. This summer, several of the children had never heard the Gospel. Thankfully, now the seeds have been planted and some have been harvested! Our prayer continues to be that Scripture is not just head knowledge, but that Scripture through the power of the Holy Spirit will bring hope. Throughout the summer, the kids at Day Camp complete nearly 70 Bible lessons.



We have relaunched after school tutoring this school year. Now, after school tutoring is call Kid'z Korner! We welcome kids Tuesdays and Thursdays from after school until 6PM. God continues to bless the kids as they receive not only homework help, but both spiritual and physical nutrient. We are praying for more volunteers so we can expand this ministry.



James 1:27 (ESV)

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

The Light Community is still very much in the infancy stage of ministry. Throughout the summer months, we took mission teams on site for one night of devotion and debrief to share the vision. Much work has been done on the prayer chapel and two outhouses. In addition, clearing of the land has been an ongoing job. The property sat vacant for three years. In addition to land clean up, many areas of the property have been cleaned out. This week, we met with state inspectors from different departments along with a waste water company. It is amazing to see God work out the details.

Many logistical pieces are all moving ahead. God allowed me a national platform to share the ministries of Crossroads, especially The Light Community, in Nashville at the Religious News Association Conference (RNA). In addition, returning and new groups are making plans to come to Kentucky as early as spring to begin construction of the homes in the community. We are also raising funding for some important infrastructure components of the community. The costliest component will be waste water. We continue to pray for support and more importantly, favor from God.



Fall and winter outreach ministries are being planned. In October, the ladies for Heritage Hills Baptist in Conyers, Georgia return for the ladies' retreat. This will be held overnight at The Learning Center and is open to the ladies in our area to attend. On October 21, The Learning Center will be transformed into winter clothing land for our annual coat giveaway. This year, in addition to our age and gender clothing areas, we are adding a hunting clothing room. We are still accepting donations for this event up to the day before the event.

Saturday, November 18, we will host our seventh annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This year we are preparing for 1,600 for the day. Several churches have already begun collecting food items for the dinner. We are currently signing up for volunteers. If you would like to know how you can help, email or call us.

The Learning Center turns in the first century Bethlehem on Saturday, December 9, as we welcome families to the annual Christmas Backpack Giveaway. We are excited to expand the living nativity this year with more interactive activities for the children. In addition, "Deacon", our donkey from The Light Community, will be making his stage debut during the event. We are still accepting backpacks and volunteers for this event as well.



What started as “Quarters For Kentucky” and laundry ministry is now becoming a new faith family! God continues to allow visions to become reality. On Sunday, September 3, a group from FBC Centre Alabama, held the first worship service at the Pine Knot laundry mat. Pine Knot Community Church is the name of this new church. Over the next several months, the team from Alabama will be returning to Kentucky to hold worship services on the first Sunday of the month. Pray for this new church start and for the partnership to continue to grow into a healthy union for God’s glory.

Spring and summer mission teams are booking now. If you are interested in coming to Kentucky to be on missions, please do not wait to book your trip. In addition to mission teams, we are recruiting college interns. Our partnership with the University of the Cumberlands will not continue for summer 2018. We are beginning now to recruit college students willing to serve for the summer. Will your church send a student or two? Internships will be beginning at the end of May and continue through the first week of August. We are looking for interns who are in the Word and ready to be used by God. Contact us for more information or to set up a vision visit.

We are thankful God began our journey of faith with Crossroads seven year ago. Never in our wildest dreams, could we have envisioned all God continues to allow us to be involved with for His glory. Thank you for your continued prayer support. The journey continues only through faithfulness of many like yourself. As a family, God continues to teach us to live by faith and not by sight for our financial support. Many of you have given very generously over the past seven years. Thank you! We could not continue without your faithfulness to God in giving. Over the course of the years, we continue to have some donors fulfill a set time commitment of support and send support to others. We continue to be faith based supported. Will you consider becoming a monthly supporter? We know God will continue to provide as we live a life leaning forward in faith. If you have never come to see us, consider a trip to get involved and meet our community. Thank you again for partnering with our family as we serve Him. Only He Gets The Glory!



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