

Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock. Isaiah 26:4 (ESV)

“Roller coaster” describes our past few months in Kentucky. In September, we traveled to Pennsylvania to share and continue to build partnerships. While there, we also enjoyed a couple of days visiting Hershey Park. This was a great educational day of school for us all. We truly enjoyed getting reconnected with friends in Pennsylvania and spend family time.

Our kids have been very busy this school year. Amanda is in tenth grade. She is playing volleyball with our homeschool coop in Somerset. She has two practices a week and travels up to two hours away for games. In her down time, Amanda has been researching culinary schools. During the outreach events, she has been helping much with the logistics and organization.

Harrison started out the school year playing soccer; however, he has a cyst on his foot that ended his season. The podiatrist said there is nothing to worry about with his foot just keep watch on the cyst. Harrison continues to excel with his shooting skill. He participated in a turkey shot and won a turkey for the family.

Mia played the fall league of soccer in Tennessee. She traveled with her team as well. Mia’s team traveled throughout eastern Tennessee. Yes, there were days of practices in two different states with the girls. Mia is also involved in drama at coop.



Hasty Family Update

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All the kids are doing well overall. We are blessed to spend time with them through travel, sports, school, and ministry. We ask that you remember them in your prayers as they face different challenges as pastor kids connected with the ministry God has called us to start.

Gina and I are both doing well. Gina’s health continues to improve. She is back working at The Lord’s Café. She is also the main transporter for the kids to coop and practices. I am doing ok as well. Over the past few weeks, I had two of three spinal injections for back pain. I am finally getting some relief. We both have continue

to plan and work on the major outreach events.

Continue to pray for us as well. We have faced some significant challenges in the ministry here recently. Pray that God will continue to open the doors of new ways to minister. Pray we will continue to lean forward in faith as we wait on God.

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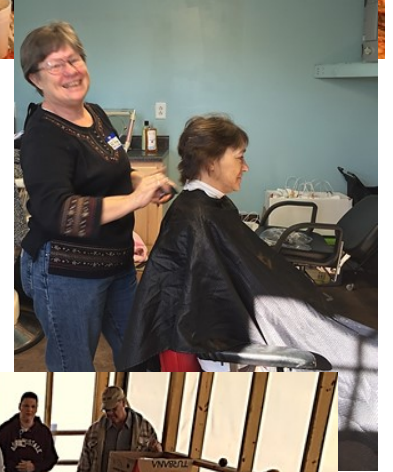


Hands, Feet, Voice!

The annual Coat Giveaway was held on October 24. Many came out to receive coats, knitted hats, scarfs, clothing, and household items. Over two hundred came out on the day of the giveaway. Over the following three weeks, we opened the doors for five more days of giveaway. We are thankful for the many who made knitted items and other items donated. The forecasters are predicting a long cold winter this year. More than 1,000 coats have been given out this season.

The women's ministry from Heritage Hills Baptist returned this year for another women's retreat. Many ladies came to the Friday evening and Saturday event. The Learning Center was converted into a French café theme with chocolate spread throughout. This was a great weekend for the ladies.

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner went exceptionally well. This year, we were blessed with many volunteers to make the day run extremely smooth. The kitchen was expanded on to the back porch for to go orders thanks to a new hot bar. The clothing giveaway was held outside in The Lord's Café parking lot. We even had the hair salon open. "Provision" is the best way to describe the day. There were no major hitches occurred during the day. We were able to serve 1,270 meals. Even more amazing, we walked out of the café just fifteen minutes after we closed for the night.



**My flesh and my heart may fail, but
God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
Psalm 73:26 (ESV)**





The Christmas season was kicked off with backpacks from the Georgia Baptist. We partnered with multiple associations and churches for this event. Over sixty volunteers came to help make Backpacks From Bethlehem a reality. The churches and associations all exceeded their goals. Over 1,500 backpacks were provided. Almost 1,000 backpacks went out during the weekend to the children in our community. We are thankful to provide backpacks for the children in the foster care system, children with the health department, and the local children's home. Each guest walked through three different scenes retelling the birth of Christ.



Missions Continues

Of course, partnership through missions is essential! We welcomed mission teams every week of October, two weekends in November, and one in December.

Missions is not about just doing the work of the ministry. For us, mission teams do provide help, but also enjoy the time of fellowship. These times bring much encouragement to us as a family and to the ministry.

One of my goals is to help people understand the necessity of mission on a daily basis and to see God's sovereign hand always at work. This is why I remind team that they are not to come to Kentucky just to help the poor people in our area. Our motivation must be sharing the Gospel of hope to a world that has lost hope. Outreach events and ongoing ministry are just tools to share the Gospel.

Many mission teams are already booking to come in summer 2016! Currently, about three churches a week are contacting us wanting more information and to book a trip here. We are excited to see what God has in store for us this summer. If you are planning on coming to Kentucky, please contact me as soon as you have an idea of dates. Missions is not a summer event; mission teams and families are welcomed all year.





Partnership

The end of the year brings about many changes and a stretching of faith. Some of our supporters commit to season of support. For most, the end of the year marks a commitment fulfilled. Some supporters continue on without a specific time frame for support. For all who have ever supported our family and the ministry of Crossroads, thank you! Without your obedience to God's calling you to support, we would not be here and continue seeing the ministry to expand.

We are continually seeking individuals, small groups, or churches who are willing not only to come and participate in missions, but to give financially. Our family raises all of our monthly support. Crossroads does not collect enough tithes and offering to pay any salary and make payments on facilities, utility payments, insurance, purchase food, and repair of equipment.

Would you consider partnering with us through financial provision? Defiantly continue to pray; defiantly continue to come participate. *All funds for our family support can be made through Crossroads Community by adding "Pastor Support" to the memo line; all donations are also tax-deductible.*

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own
understanding. In all your ways
acknowledge him, and he will make
straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)**

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URGENT MINISTRY NEEDS

We have a few urgent needs. First, financially as a ministry we have been struggling to cover all the expenses of operating two facilities. For example, the week of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, we one of the gas stoves stopped working. In addition, the grease pit had almost \$1,000 of repairs. Ministry continues to grow which also means the demands for financial support grows. The winter months are the toughest times for us because the number of teams decreases greatly. Also typically, we will have many weeks in the winter we will not be able to gather as a faith family because of bad weather.

Second, we are in need of someone to come help with the final two parts of the pump station installation. We must replace the wiring to the electric connection; it is not wired with the correct wire. In addition, the county changed the location of the pump. We have to extend the drain line out of the building further out from the original plan. The great news, when all of this is complete, the shower rooms will be completely operational! (No long walks to the restrooms for those staying in the mission housing).

Third, Armstrong Flooring is donating a new commercial wood floor for The Lord's Café! We need volunteers with experience in flooring to come help install the flooring. In addition to the flooring, we will need to change the baseboards. The flooring will be installed in the foyer, hallway, and both dining rooms. We are excited to see these tremendous change!

Prayer Request

- **Adoption**—Our family as we begin a new chapter through expanding our family. We are beginning the process of foster to adopt. If all goes according schedule, we will be certified through Sunrise Christian Service by the end of December. *Psalms 82:3-4*
- **Help**—Long term volunteers to come expand the ministries of Crossroads. There are many other avenues of ministry here, but we do not have the hands and feet. We continue to pray God will call and volunteers will be obedient to come. *Matthew 9:35-38*
- **Endurance**—Our faith family as we are now in our fifth year as a church. Spiritual battles, health, family, and life are always a struggle for the majority in our faith family. He is faithful! Much spiritual growth is evident, and the harvest is near! *Romans 8:26-28*
- **New neighbors** – The Parkland Motel (next door to The Lord's Café) is being sold at an absolute auction on January 7th. Our wheels are turning for ministry; *however*, resources and staffing is a major issue. Pray that God will provide us neighbors that will continue to work with us, especially for parking. (This Thanksgiving, we used four rows of parking and filled their complete front parking lot). *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- **Resources** – By fair, faith has been the greatest lesson learn for me through the journey of Crossroads. The greatest faith stretcher is financial support for both our family and the ministry. To be honest, there are moments of anxiety, but I am reminded to give this to Christ. The past five years and the continued ministry here is totally dependent of faith that resources will be provided. He is faithful! *Matthew 7:7-9*
- **Mission teams** – Currently, mission teams are booking for Summer 2016. We are welcoming many returning and new teams again this year. Our prayer is that God will allow just the right people to come. We **WILL** continue to pray for the spiritual armor even as preparation is being made. We **WILL** continue to pray for increased boldness and clarity of the Gospel. We **WILL** continue to pray not only for the laborers, but also the harvest that is so desperately lost. *Ephesians 6:10-21*
- **India** – Our next trip to India has been postponed to May. There are many pieces of the puzzle that must continue to work out. Pray for favor with the government officials. Pray for our partners on the field. Pray for the resources for a team to gather and go. Currently, airline tickets are very reasonable. *Acts 1:8*

Upcoming

According to the calendar, winter is coming soon. This is the season when we love to visit and share in churches about what God is doing in Kentucky. If you are interested in hosting, please contact us. This is also the season for gearing up for spring and summer mission teams. If you are bringing a team to serve, we encourage you to come for a preview visit to discuss your team's visit.

Again, if you are interested in bringing a team here for a mission trip, please contact me. The summer is filling up quickly.

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." (Psalm 82:3-4 ESV)

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