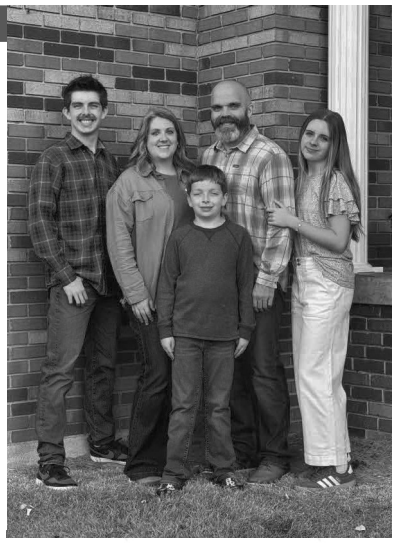

Family

Merry Christmas! We hope that this holiday season finds you well and you are able to enjoy friends and family as you celebrate the season. The school year for Katie and the kids has been in full swing since August. Ryan is starting the process of ACT testing and planning for his future. It is a shock to our system that he is already a junior! Breslyn played on the varsity volleyball team as an 8th grader, which has made for a fun season! She also has stepped up as the student leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter at the mission school. Ron and Breslyn leading together as been such a cool experience! The mission school has started an elementary basketball team, and Grayson has loved playing! All three have impressed us with their grades as well as being wonderful friends and leaders.

Ministry

Evangelism moments with individuals as well as addiction recovery/resource centers are still proving to be fruitful. We have found at times when a person is under the influence, spending time with them to show they matter to us goes a long way. Compassion for them at their lowest has opened doors for the gospel to be shared when they are of sound mind. They often voice their life means "nothing" and they wish they were not alive. Continue to pray for our friends struggling in this manner. There is no hope here for them economically and recovery seems difficult, especially for the ladies, due to the lack of female recovery centers. Please pray that God gives us wisdom as we minister to each individual on a case-by-case basis. There are so many here that are affected by addiction, but the Lord loves them, and we do too! Our prayer is that they see Jesus through us.

Katie is still loving her ministry at the mission school. It has planted a passion for increasing the 19% childhood reading proficiency in our county. Through helping families meet the need of education and literacy, she is able to minister to them on deeper levels . Recently, while presenting the Gospel and God's plan for how we can be saved from eternal separation from God to her class, a boy said, "That's it?? Well, we have to tell people!" At recess he wrote a letter to his dad, who he said was doing a lot of bad things. He said, "I have to tell him we know how to stop all that and be saved!" These moments are precious, but also are a reminder of the reality that many of the kids at the mission school are living with at home.

Through months of prayer and assessing the spiritual need of the community, we have started a Wednesday night Bible study! We had come to realize that there were no churches with midweek Bible study opportunities for adults. We have approximately fifteen, from different walks of life, in attendance so far. The purpose is to help increase the Biblical education in our community. Many claim to know Him, but do not actually know His Word. A skewed version of Christianity is our largest hurdle here. Generations of falsehoods and misinformation has led to confusion. This Bible study is a small step in the right direction! God has provided a massive facility for us to meet in, at no cost to us!

We cherish your prayers and your support! We have not yet met our goal of increasing our monthly support. We have had more supporters recently discontinue for a variety of reasons, but we know the Lord will provide the additional $1,000 a month that is needed. He comes through on time, every time! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Merry Christmas, and thank you for being a part of our family!

In His Name,
Ron, Katie, and family

Prayer Requests

-That new opportunities to share our ministry at churches will open up in the coming year

-For the 4 different Bible studies we are currently leading in the community

-Wisdom for Ryan as he makes decisions for his future in the next few years

-That God will continue to build our relationships in the community so that the Gospel can be shared on a personal level

-Praise Him that He has always provided for our family and His ministry, right on time!

-Continued protection for our family– mind, soul, and body

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