



August 2018 Praise Letter

Praises

Caleb has successfully “flown the coop” and is off to Cedarville University!

Several new kids have been attending our church youth group meetings

Safe travels to Togo (ABWE) and Canada (church youth group).

Good progress with our family situation and the results of trauma.

Great Missionary Enrichment conference with ABWE in July (D.C. area)

Prayer Requests

Continued prayers for Esther and Elizabeth and their needs—it’s getting better

Hannah starting her Senior Year—yikes!

Opportunities to minister to the ABWE families around the world.

Prayers for Heather to finish her Master’s paper by year-end.

Scheduling supporting churches to visit in the fall and into next year. We are currently at 70% of our support need.

“He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters.”
II Samuel 22:17

The above verse is David’s song of deliverance after a mighty battle the Israelites had with the Philistine nation. David recognized that their victory was not because of superior numbers or a better battle plan, but it was by the hand of God working on behalf of the Israelites. Heather and I also want to give thanks to God for his working in our family life these past two months (through your prayers). We know our battles are not done, but we are thankful for God directing our steps, giving us wisdom and patience, and the simple ability to stay relatively “sane” during some very difficult days. We also want to say thank-you to our supporting churches and praying partners for holding our family up in prayer. We may never know who was praying for our family and when, but THANK-YOU!!

The last two months have been extremely busy for our family with various trips, conferences, college transitions, and medical appointments—so let me get you caught up on the whirlwind that was the summer of 2018.

In the middle of July Heather and I were once again blessed to be a part of the 24 Hour Demo (for people interested in ABWE but not yet committed) and the New Missionary Orientation week. It is always a great privilege to talk with those who have committed to long-term missions as well as those who are just in the beginning stages of this great process. Please pray that God gives Heather and I wisdom in our various conversations with these blessed families. There are so many critical questions these families and individuals bring, and we want to give them the correct and Spirit guided answers to their questions.

Directly after the New Missionary Orientation (July 5th to the 15th), ABWE had their annual Missionary Enrichment Conference near Washington D.C. (July 16th-20th). Caleb was unable to go with us as he was off at his own Missionary Transition Seminar at Cedarville University at the same time (July 8th to the 19th). Directly after this missionary conference, I (Doug) left Sunday, July 20th to go to Togo to visit our newest ABWE hospital located in Mango (northern part of Togo). The trip went great except for our team getting blocked on the train and missing our exit to the airport with some 21 suitcases and boxes of computer equipment. The hospital and team in Mango, has grown tremendously the last few years so we were involved in spending time with the missionaries to help review and get the right financial processes in place to keep this a fruitful ministry for years to come.





I returned from Togo on July 31st and our local church Youth Group left on Saturday Aug 4th for a week long trip in the Canadian wilderness. This is our best opportunity to get our youth group kids away from the electronics and busyness of the world to focus on God and his greatness while enjoying his creation. Our trip was 6 days of canoeing and portaging almost 109 miles in Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada. Caleb, Hannah, and I traveled along with 21 people in total. We had a fantastically tiring, grueling, and exhausting time physically,

but a wonderful time challenging our teens to listen to what God is doing in their lives.

Our teens and I arrived back in Harrisburg on Saturday, August 11th. We had one day together as a family on that Sunday and early Monday (Aug 13th), Heather left to take Caleb off to Cedarville University. Heather had the distinct pleasure to not only see Caleb off to college but also spend a lot of time with other ABWE MK's (from Togo, Nicaragua, Thailand, Hungary, and Costa Rica) and their parents as they make this critical transition to college. Please be praying for all of these families as the children make a big transition back to the states and life at the University, and the parents likewise have a huge sense of longing as they head back overseas without their children.



As you know our last prayer letter asked for your concerted prayer for our family because in the midst of all these crazy trips, we also had some severe behavioral issues with our twins due to their early months of life in the orphanage. I want to say THANK YOU for your prayers. Heather and I



have read oodles of articles and books regarding raising children with trauma, and have had many, many meetings with counselors, psychologists, and community health advocates. The current situation as we write today is that due to some medication, Esther is doing much, much better. Elizabeth still has some issues to work through but we have some future appointments to work on her issues. To be honest we are finally beginning to feel that we are not walking on egg-shells for the first time in six months. We still have a long road in front of us, and the medicine will not "fix" the trauma that has occurred, but Lord willing with lots of prayer the future will look much brighter than the last six months.

Please continue to pray for our family as we seek to serve the roughly 1,400 missionaries (and their children) from pre-field through retirement that work with ABWE, while at the same time raising our diverse family in the joy and grace of our amazing Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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May God bless you all for your incredible faithfulness to support and pray for our family!!

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Please find below our most recent family picture—the kids are growing fast so it was time for a new picture. Our new prayer cards will be coming out shortly!!

