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TO ICELAND...TO THE WORLD

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Praying Friends,

God has been blessing! We have had numerous churches take us on for support in the last several months!

We began our May finishing up on the east coast. Our last meeting there was in Richmond. Jaden turned twelve on our way out of town. We headed to our home church in KY for two days where we packed up a trailer to take some things to TX for BBTI. We took a few days to drop off our things in Texas then headed up to Ohio for another cluster of meetings. Our calendar was booked full during this time. Most of the meetings were in Ohio, but we did stretch from Pennsylvania to Michigan. Four or five churches took us on for support during this time and about four more who promised they would. Praise the Lord!

After our time in Ohio, we swung by our home church one more time to gather a few more things before heading down to Texas to get prepared for the start of linguistic training. We have used this time to get meetings scheduled in the Texas area. During the weekdays we are studying linguistics and culture at Baptist Bible Translators Institute. This has been a tremendous blessing to us. One of the blessings is, while we are here, we have a place to call home. The BBTI campus has a number of trailer houses on the property, and we are staying in one. This has been a needed stability for us during this time. We are learning much in these classes and are grateful for the opportunity to gain this knowledge while still being able to raise support. It can be a tight balance at times, but the benefit is tremendous.

The family is doing well adjusting to the change. I am thankful that my children have about one hundred acres of Texas woodland to explore and play on. For the previous several months their primary play area was the outside cart rack at the local Walmart. They had some awesome Grand Prix races in those things! Rachel is grateful to have a place to call home for now even though it is not permanent.

We are very desirous to get to Iceland. Please pray that we can raise our support quickly and that God opens the door for us to get in country. Pray for us as we are learning linguistics here in Texas. It is a high quality program and is challenging and preparing us well. Pray that we continue to grow spiritually. I have seen God doing a good work in each member of my family. There is a unity that God is building and it is a blessing to see. We are still growing as a family and there are still growing pains, but God is most evidently ministering in us and through us. Pray that we stay humble and willing to be used. Pray for God to continue to lead us to people to share the gospel with.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!

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