

We wanted to thank each of you for your amazing and generous support through your prayers and support and encouragement. We think of you often and pray for you often too. We realize that we could not be doing this ministry without your help. You are a part of what we do - spreading Gods Word to those who do not have it overseas. Thank you!

We are doing well here. Two of our kids are in college. Daniel is home for the summer working construction. It is fun to have him here. He attends UNCC and will be a junior this year. He is a very loving young man and we have seen him grow in his faith this past year.. He is dating a girl who we all really like.

Emily is at a camp in TN this summer. She is a counselor there, it is a camp where kids from very under privileged homes attend. She has learned so much and loved getting to know the girls. Each week she has a new set of girls and it is hard for her to watch them go home knowing the homes they are going home to are not easy situations. It has been a growing experience for her and her faith has and continues to mature. She has been dating a boy (JAARS family from Guatemala) for 4 years now. She is at Carolina College of Health and Sciences for nursing and is a sophomore there.

Madison will be a senior this year. She has been able to finish almost a whole year of college classes already and so she has a head start when she decides what and where she will be going. Her desire is something medical.. She is full of life, and spunk.. she lifeguards over the summer.

Abby is starting 7th grade this coming year. She is full of joy and is loving having her siblings around more this summer. Please pray that we will be able to get her involved in a more suitable youth group for her that is close to our house.

Craig is still the VP of Transportation for JAARS. He will be heading to Papua New Guinea in a week for 3 weeks. We would appreciate prayers for safety for him while there and wisdom as he attends meetings with many different people and issues. Please pray for us too as we miss him when he is gone and he is our "fix it" person and often cars fall apart or something else happens while he is gone:)

I continue to work at Waxhaw Elementary as a teaching assistant. I love being able to love on so many different kids who need Jesus and have little examples of that at home. I also love working with other teachers and getting to know them and I pray that they see Jesus in me.. I have had many opportunities to share His love with many. This summer I am helping with a family who has a son with special needs. He has very limited language and body control. I can truly say that my time with him is a highlight to me.

Thank you for standing with us for so long. We do not take any of you for granted and pray His amazing blessings on you and your families. Please let us know if there are any ways we can pray for you!

Love, Shannon for the Russells