

An update from  
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“He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it”  
1 Thessalonians 5:24

This scripture rings especially true this year. We have not only experienced the Lord’s faithfulness throughout this year of ministry, but we hold fast to the promise that He will remain faithful in the coming days. In addition to our full-time ministry with Steppin-Out Missions, we have been honored to be a part of the core team that was sent out from Alpine Bible Church, where we have served for the last 17 years, in order to start a new church in the community of Navarre, OH where we live. I was asked to serve as an Elder, one of three, and on Father’s Day in June we launched out to bring the Good News of the Gospel to our community. If any of you have ever been a part of a church launch, then you know of the many, many, “things” that are involved in “having church”. Questions abound: who, what, where, when, how? I’ll come back to that last part in a minute but in addition to filing tax papers, securing meeting locations, writing by-laws, and the many other tasks that we had to do, we had to always remain ready to go if and when the Lord would call us to a project. We were called away several times to serve in Disaster Responses across the country, and each time we had the high honor of sharing the Good News of the

Gospel to those in great need. We never know who, what, where, when, but we have learned to be confident in the “how”...by the power and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And that is our message of hope this year, God is Faithful! Our Great God is doing amazing things in our churches and communities, and in our country. I think we can all agree that the days are evil, But God, continues to grant mercy and grace, and the forgiveness of sin, to those who call on, and believe in, the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ. That is our motivation to keep going, to keep sharing, and to remain faithful.

We may not have all the answers, all the time, and you may not either in your ministry, your family, your job, or whatever or wherever you may be struggling right now. But be faithful. Honor and Glorify God...because He is faithful. He will surely do it.



Merry Christmas from the Corley Family!

### **The Homestead**

It has been a different year for us as a family. We have not been allowed to travel with Joel on as many projects but we have all had the privilege of working together as part of the church plant. From oldest to youngest we spend

most Saturdays setting up different parts of the church that meets at a YMCA. We have really enjoyed actually being able to serve together like this since most of our church ministry in the past has divided us into different areas. We can tell the kids feel like an essential part of this new work that God is doing in our neighborhood and there is nothing more beautiful to a parent than to get a glimpse of our children taking joy in the Father's call. It has also been so fun getting to grow close to the small fellowship of believers as we start out with Reformation Bible Church. We of course hope to grow and provide a much needed place of worship for the community but in the mean time we are cherishing the beautiful body that God has put together already.

As you all know, the kids just keep growing at an ever increasing rate. Jonathan and Micah have both met and passed their 6'3" dad in height and look more like young men than boys. As they go off to their part time jobs, finish school work, and head out on camping trips with friends, it almost appears that they don't need mom and dad one little bit and we are so surprised and thankful to not really worry! They are strong, diligent young men with a desire for integrity and those words "He will surely do it" are our praise every day for what God has done and is doing in their lives. Jonathan has spent a lot of time this fall filling out college applications and we look forward to how God reveals His path for Him in that. Micah just got his drivers license and seems to have a growing desire to learn the trades and is getting some good experience with a family friend giving him a part time job.

We are just as amazed watching our girls grow into young ladies. Faith started high school this year and continues to read voraciously and create in a growing variety of ways. She loves babysitting and throwing parties. I see those words "glorify" and "nurture" coming alive in all three of our oldest girls and we pray they continue to embrace and love the beautiful Biblical role of womanhood they've been given. Elsie, our dear middle child, loves to be different than the rest. She's always seeking out new things that no one has done before. She still loves to draw and create adventure for the little ones, but she's also transitioning to a soon to be teenager. It is so fun watching her and the older 3 sit and laugh about movies and books and just enjoy each other as older kids now...not to ignore the typical quarrels of a roomful of teenagers :)

Then there's our three youngest. How are there still three to go?! We are so thankful feeling like the last three are a second round of parenting. The three

little ones are so different and independent yet they can't stay away from each other for long. Naomi loves being the boss. Her goal is to be a queen but also a

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She's a sharp little cookie and loves being around people doing adult things rather than playing. Daniel is so close to knowing how to read and, as the only little boy stuck in the middle of sisters, is always finding the big boys looking for a wrestling match. He loves being on tractors and working with daddy which makes Joel's travels the hardest on him. But soon he'll be tagging a long with dad on trips as much as possible. Samantha is determined to grow up sooner than her mom would wish. She's always trying to do big things and saying how old she is. Her latest undertaking is learning to snap, which she did non stop for a week until she figured it out. She also scoots right up to Daniel doing school assuming that she must learn to read as a 3 year old because her big brother is.

This most difficult task of parenting is also the most rewarding. We go through dark days and bright days but as we said in the opening paragraphs, this of all ministries shows the faithfulness of God. The family is where all the work of the Savior can begin and where His truths can most strongly be passed down and so we diligently seek to honor Him in the home.



Thanks!

As the years go by and we tell our story of being a part of Steppin Out, we stand amazed that God has allowed us to serve with this ministry for 16 years, faithfully providing both spiritually and physically through you, His church and our cherished family. We are so humbled and thanks does not seem a sufficient response but we know this is a small reflection of Christ's gift to us on the cross. We could never do enough to earn His favor and salvation. We serve Him joyfully from an outpouring of His work in us and so we serve in this ministry, not under compulsion but joy, knowing that you send us forth and are faithfully serving Him as He has called you. We love you dear brothers and sisters and thank you for your love. May you be so blessed in Him this Christmas and in the New Year!

Serving our merciful God with you,  
Joel, Meg & the crew



Jonathan's senior year...our last year with all the kids at home for school!

**PRAY! GIVE! GO!**

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