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A missions journey



Back in the USA

We've returned to the US for our first furlough or home assignment. For those of you unfamiliar with missions lingo, this is simply a time to reconnect with our partner churches and individuals and report about the work we've been doing, raise any additional support needed to return to the field, debrief and strategize with our sending agency, address any medical, financial or legal issues and visit family. Our home assignment time will also be slightly extended due to taking a short hiatus at the request of our sending agency to address Malachi's medical needs as well as the added time to raise the support that will be required by changing fields.

We arrived home on May 2nd, just in time to celebrate Malachi's 2nd birthday with John's parents. Following a time of getting settled in and taking care of driver's licenses, banking and all the other necessities, we began a flurry of medical

Upcoming Dates

- November 16th – Fundraising trip to St. Louis
- November 28th – Thanksgiving with the family
- December 1st – Visit Restoration Church, Greensboro, NC
- December 10th – Chapel at Emmanuel Christian School
- December 22nd – Trip to Maryland
- Early January – Trip to Arizona





appointments and tests to try to get Malachi set up with the care he needs while on our home assignment. By early June, we were hitting the road, taking the whole family up to the Chicago area where we visited partnering churches Springbrook Church and Life Community Church. We filled the remainder of our time there meeting with missions contacts and visiting family. Just a few days after arriving home, we departed for Minneapolis. While there, we connected with supporters, spent a couple days with our future partners, the Nelsons, and attended the annual missionary retreat. Following the missionary retreat, we took a brief medical hiatus. By September 1st, John was on the road again, this time to Ohio to visit First Baptist Church of Greenhills in Cincinnati and Fite Memorial Baptist Church in Marion. He also met with several potential partners. Later in September, the entire family traveled to Florida where we reported back to Trinity Baptist Church in Sun City Center. We also took a little time to take the kids to Disney world.

October saw us heavily involved with an evangelistic outreach with our local church. We were able to lead over 200 souls to Christ through this effort. On October 20th, John had his ordination council, and was ordained in a service later that evening. The following weekend, October 26th, John and Mel drove to Ohio to visit Cross Point Church in Vienna. We continue to raise funds and visit our supporting churches, so look for us soon at a church near you!

Kids Korner

Evageline and Ellis started school in August, in grades K5 and K2 respectively. They love their teachers and their new friends. Malachi has settled into his schedule of physical therapy. After many tests, there seems to be no other serious complications or concerns that we know of. Praise God for recently providing a stander and wheel chair, which will improve his quality of life!

