

Blue Asia Grace



“Isn’t That Life”

Someone was telling me recently about a small project that he started on his house. When he opened that “Pandora’s box,” he discovered more and more problems that needed to be fixed to the point where he nearly regretted ever starting it. At this point I sigh and say, *isn’t that life*. If we had the list of heartaches, roadblocks, and disappointments that we will go through before we took on the big things of life, would we have had the guts to go forward? Maybe that’s one reason why God leaves so much of our future a mystery to us

{here’s how
to pray
for me}

I spoke briefly during a church service recently about the intimidation and discouragement I’ve been feeling and how trust is what keeps us going. You see, in Bible college, I was forewarned by seasoned ministers about the pain we will go through in ministry, but it’s not those things that get to me. Our enemy has been discouraging me by letting me know acutely that I am inadequate for ministry. They found my tender spot and have been haunting me with visions of failure. Just like how Moses felt when God commissioned him to go back to Pharaoh: “oh my Lord, please send someone else.”

The good news is that Scripture will train the servant of God to be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Tim 3:16, 17). And I know from Scripture that God’s power is made perfect in my weakness, “So then, I will boast most gladly about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may reside in me. Therefore I

am content with **weaknesses**, with **insults**, with **troubles**, with **persecutions** and **difficulties** for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:9, 10).

On my own I will fail. But as Christians, we are never alone. In a way I resemble Elisha’s servant in 2 Kings 6:15-18. He was nervous about the difficulties that were coming and focused on the problem. He saw an approaching army. What he failed to see was that God was there, and He was ready to be strong where Elisha and his servant were weak. God opened his servant’s eyes and he could see that the hills were filled with horses and chariots of fire. If God opened my eyes, I would then be able to understand why I have no reason to be nervous and scared. But what is required of me is that I trust Him knowing that **this is true whether I see it or not**. So we take one step at a time; moving forward toward Asia. Sometimes I feel like a car stalling out while climbing a hill, but we are staying faithful to His calling because *He* is faithful and trustworthy; this I do know.

Please be praying for us because the enemy does not want us to go.



The start of May marked our trip to Wyoming. We stopped in Kearny, NE, to fellowship with friends from Bible college who have been in ministry for a while now. Wyoming will always hold a special place in our lives. It’s where our family got its start, our home church is there, enduring relationships with Frontier School of the Bible (FSB) staff and faculty are there and Tentmakers Bible Mission (TBM, our mission agency) is there.

The TBM Board said that sometimes a missionary’s first visit to their field can burst their ‘excitement balloon.’ It was very good for us to hear from them that they were all the more encouraged and thrilled that our trip to Asia fortified our resolve and heightened our enthusiasm.

It was great to see our church family in Hawk Springs and talk with them about our trip. It’s been a year since Pastor Kenny took on leadership there, and we got to hear and see how they’ve been thriving.

We were there for two weeks. We were miserably sick for a week and a half of it. Then I did what I said I would never do again with kids: I drove the whole eighteen hour trip in one shot. We got back at 5 o’clock in the morning.



Chicago

Two week ago we drove down to Chicago to see Pastor U* and his wife M*. They are the Asia couple that took care of us while we were on our survey trip in Asia. The church he pastors is possibly the one that we will be working with when we move there. They came to America to visit family and friends. They already feel like old family friends to us.



Please Be In Prayer

- For our marriage and parenting.
- For stronger faith through the support raising process.
- For God's direction in raising support.
- Every homeschooling lesson w/J* is like a marathon. Pray for patience and wisdom.
- For God to continue preparing us for the mission field.

God Bless,
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*Discretion is necessary due to the sensitivity of our field.

