SMALL TALK



# Maybe you need a little laugh today! ☺

Dear Friends and Family,

Super busy – as always! Let us tell you what has been going on here in West Haven, Utah!!!

Kids Bible Club continues each Wednesday.

Danielle started a ladies' book study a couple months ago and should be finished in a couple weeks. They are going through a book called, "Calm My Anxious Heart" by Linda Dillow; an excellent book that teaches what the Bible says about contentment and living a life of trust in the Lord, instead of worrying about things that are out of our control. Katelynn, a woman who hosts the study at her home is a Latter-Day Saint (Mormon), but she has been so excited to study God's Word!!!! Praise God for this opportunity!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LADIES WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE BOOK STUDY, THAT THEY WOULD LEARN TO LIVE A LIFE OF COMPLETE TRUST IN GOD FOR ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

PLEASE PRAY SPECIFICALLY FOR KATELYNN – THAT SHE WOULD TRUST CHRIST FOR HER SALVATION.

PRAY FOR DANIELLE TO BE DISCERNING AS SHE TEACHES BOTH BELIEVERS AND NON-BELIEVERS.

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There are so many little ministry opportunities that come up almost daily, such as helping either of our two neighbors in wheelchairs with running errands or just visiting with them and letting them talk because they are super lonely.

We meet with other Christian friends for coffee, or breakfast. We have been able to provide meals, or even just a surprise delivery of cinnamon rolls to those who are having a rough day...it's the little, practical things that encourage others. And as we help with these things, God has allowed for us to share little snippets from His Word, encouraging these people to consider their circumstances through the lens of God's unfailing Word.

Isaac and Katriel are such precious children that the Lord has given us to raise for Him. They belong to Him, and it is our responsibility to teach them to live for the Lord, to do what He asks of them, and to go where He leads them.

We praise God that He gave Isaac the abnormal heart that he has, because that is just another way that the Lord can be glorified and His love and grace can be shared with others!

Isaac recently had his heart catheter procedure, and everything looks good and on schedule for surgery on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Isaac has had some Early Intervention for speech and physical therapy for just some minor delays. He is excelling!

Katriel turned a year old on June 14<sup>th</sup> – time does not slow down! She is almost walking on her own! She is a crazy, all-over-the-place little girl, but she loves to cuddle!

PLEASE PRAY FOR ISAAC AS WE LOOK TOWARDS THE SURGERY, THAT HIS BODY WILL BE HEALTHY AND READY TO GO THROUGH IT.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS**

Our friends from Snyder Bible Church in the Snyder, Colorado area once again came out to Utah to help us with our annual, week-long Kid's Bible Club. However, this year we were able to provide Vacation Bible Schools for three other churches in the area at the same time. It was such a fun, encouraging time as we ministered not only to the kids in our apartment complex, but also to the kids in various communities in this area. It was such a joy and pleasure to provide Bible Clubs for other churches that may not have been able to have one otherwise.



## **PULPIT SUPPLY**

The past few months we have had the incredible opportunity to fill the pulpit for a few churches in the area while the pastors of those churches have been recovering from surgery, on vacation, or gone for a various number of reasons. It has been a joy to be an encouragement and to be able to fill this need for these churches.

## MINISTRY CHANGES

After much prayer and consideration, we have decided to make some changes to our ministry. Over the past four years of church planting in West Haven, Utah, God has revealed a lot to us about what our strengths are in ministry and how we could be most effective in service to Him. We have discovered that we are better equipped in the areas of encouragement and discipleship.

Something else that we have realized recently is just how many struggling church plants there are in the Northern Utah and Southern Idaho area that could use some much needed help and support. Over the past few months, God has given us the vision and desire to come alongside some of these church plants and to support them in any way that we are able. We understand the difficulty of church planting and the needs and struggles that go along with it, so we would be able to encourage our fellow ministers in Christ and support them in their ministries.

There are several ways in which we could support some of these church plants. Just to name a few, we could fill the pulpit when needed, we could help to start a kids club or youth group, we could facilitate a Vacation Bible School, and we could organize various outreaches.

We would love to share more about how God is leading us through these changes, so please feel free to contact us.

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