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Psalm 37:3-4



The Harris Happenings

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Hello from hot Kenya!

I hope that this letter finds you well. We are really looking forward to seeing you again and spending some time together with you as we are back in the states. I know over the past 3 years since we have been back, there has probably been so many different things that have happened and even changed in your life. And we would love to be able to hear from you, how you have been, and what the Lord has been doing in and through your life.

I know for a fact, one of the ways He has worked THROUGH you, has been by bringing you into our lives. We will always be grateful to God for you, and your part in His plan; regarding our family, the work here in Kenya...and His much bigger story. The Lord has allowed you to be a part of the process He is walking with us through. And we are so grateful that He has not been content to leave us where we were. He has done much shaping, molding, stretching, refining...and changing in our hearts and lives. We are excited to sit down and visit and share how the Lord has been making us new-and we are eager to hear how He has been doing this in you too! We are eagerly anticipating that sweet fellowship with you all.

In the meantime, I would very much appreciate your continued prayers for our family as we plan, prepare and pack to come back. The time is ticking away, faster than I am able to tick the boxes of my to-do list. And if I am

honest, I must admit that it can be a bit overwhelming at times. But I am reminded of a short, simple song we used to sing before class at Bible School, that goes like this:

“One step at a time, only one step at a time,

This is the way the Lord will lead you, one step at a time.

Take that one step carefully, walk that one step prayerfully.

This is the way of victory...one step at a time!”

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 16:9 that *“A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.”* I truly need to remember to take one step at a time, walking with just one foot in front of the other, following His footsteps...and allowing HIM to direct my path.

One of my favorite verses is Proverbs 3:5-6 which says *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct your paths.”* That word “direct” could also be translated “make smooth” or “make straight” your paths. I know this verse is a well-known and often-quoted Scripture. But I have recently realized that I have recited it often, without truly putting it into practice, or possibly even really meditating on the meaning. I often do “lean on my own understanding.” I am admittedly a person who tends to think with an “independent” and “self-sufficient” attitude. I like to do things on my own, and for myself; without feeling like I have to wait, depend, or rely on someone else.

As I even say it, it sounds so silly because as part of a bigger body (of Christ) I know we need one another. Each and every member is vitally important, and the body cannot function properly without working together.

But even more preposterous, is the thought that I could not even wake up in the morning, or take my next breath, without God graciously granting it to

me! I have not been “acknowledging Him in ALL my ways.” I must admit that it can be very difficult for me at times, to trust the Lord with everything, rather than trying to take matters into my own hands. I need to learn to lean on HIM, trusting in His person, His character, with ALL my heart, even when I don’t understand. The Bible says that *“without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to God must believe that He exists and that He will reward those who diligently seek Him.”*

I love to witness the Lord at work! Not only in the accomplishments and adventures of other people’s lives-but in the quiet of my own heart and mind as well. When we truly acknowledge HIM as the One Who made things possible, moved mountains, changed lives, softened hearts, opened blind eyes and deaf ears...He is the One worthy of ALL praise and honor and glory! And I am learning to rejoice in my King for Who He is, and what He has done (and not in myself and the things that He has allowed me to do, by His grace and in His strength). I want Him to get ALL the glory due His name.

As I write this newsletter I am looking at my list that seems too long and too big to get done before we come back to the states. And maybe it won’t all happen according to my time-table and plan? But either way, I want to live out the verses of Scripture in Psalm 37:3-4 that say *“Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.”* This verse is the prayer of my heart right now, word for word. Please pray for myself and my family as we seek to live out our faith IN HIM-in every area of our lives. And may God bless you as you seek to do the same!

In Christ,

Brad Harris





Prayer Requests

- Prayers for all the planning, preparations, and packing for our time back
- Logistics like: vehicle, housing, schedule, etc.
- Wisdom as we "wind down" the classes and homeschool here
- Various other paperwork/admin. items, etc.
- For our times together with all of our family, friends, churches, and supporters to be sweet and special
- For us to rest in HIS faithfulness

Praises

- Everyone has been so incredibly kind and generous in their gestures of opening up their homes and hearts to receive us back with a warm welcome!
- The Lord has provided generously in our options for a vehicle while we are back
- Successful embassy visit for 4 passports renewed (and safety and protection during that trip as Nairobi experienced a terrorist attack while we were there)
- Successful immigration visit to get passport books stamped and ready to travel
- Airplane tickets purchased for flight on April 2nd!
- For the ways the Lord has been loving us; through teaching, answered prayers, provisions, protection, etc.



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