

## the HArrIS HAppENINGs



“Pay close attention to your life and to your teaching.  
Persevere in these things, for by so doing you will save both  
yourself and those who hear you.”

~1 Timothy 4:16

JUNE UPDATE

Greetings!

The month of June has already come and gone, and we are already halfway through the month of July! Again (and always) we apologize for being so slow in getting out our update. We have been busy both traveling and visiting. But we would still like to take this time to give a brief summary of the past month.

What a special privilege to be back here in the states, seeing and spending time, in person, with those who have been with us through prayer and Spirit for so long. We were truly blessed by the sweet times of fellowship we have shared with each one. It is both encouraging, and challenging, (in the best ways) to see how the Lord is working in the hearts and lives of those we love. And it is wonderful to be able to see how He is using and growing ALL of us to be more conformed to the image of His Son, Jesus Christ.

It has been so affirming and encouraging to watch the LORD Himself raise up these friends to join in our lives and Journey with Jesus. It is such an encouragement to our family, to be a part of a bigger family - the Family of God. We have seen the faithfulness of God, through HIS Body behind us, supporting us through prayer, giving, and encouragement over all of these years and this time!

As I was reading one morning, I came across an incredibly sobering story: "Years ago in Hamburgh, nearly half of it burned down, and among the incidents that happened, there was this one. A large house had connected with it a yard in which there was a great black dog, and this black dog in the middle of the night barked and howled most furiously. It was only by his barking that the family were awakened just in time to escape from the

flames, and their lives were spared; but the poor dog was chained to his kennel, and though he barked and thus saved the lives of others, he was burned himself. Oh! Do not you who work for God in this church perish in that fashion. Do not permit your sins to enchain you, so that while you warn others you become lost yourselves.” (Spurgeon)

This statement made by Spurgeon caught my attention. As we have been so busy visiting and sharing with friends, family, supporters, and churches - and praising HIM and His wondrous works publicly...we have had a harder time keeping consistent in our personal, private times of prayer, reading of the Word and even family devotions. My brothers and sisters in Christ, may this catch your attention, as it has mine. May we not allow ourselves to grow so busy (even in doing "good") that we neglect that which is best: to sit at the feet of Jesus- the Author and Finisher of this faith that we talk about and attempt to walk by. And let us continue to come to HIM Who died once for all to set us free from sin, for the freedom that can only be found in HIM. Please pray for us, that we would keep our eyes focused on Jesus, and be in His Word, where we can find ALL that we need "pertaining to life and godliness" that we may not become enslaved, entangled or ensnared by our sin and ourselves...but live as slaves to HIM.

We are currently down in South Texas visiting Ellie's side of the family. Believe it or not, it is hotter here than at home in Kenya! Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to travel many miles and will be seeing so many more places and faces. Pray that throughout all of the various changes we will be experiencing - that we will continue to look to and lean on the Lord, the One Who never changes.

In Christ,  
Brad Harris

\*Below are some photos of fellowship we were able to have with others. And at the very end, some praises and prayer requests.

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**Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**





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## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Taking time as a family and as a couple, to make special memories together
- As we plan and prep. for the next 5 months in Nebraska; ALL that needs to be accomplished while there feels overwhelming
- Grace, patience, and love towards one another - as we share a LOT of time and space together
- That we make time to rest - and that we would always seek to find true rest in Him
- That we would be a blessing to those we come in contact with
- That others would be able to see the Light of Christ shining forth in our own lives and family as well
- That we would continue to look to the Lord and lean on HIM - with whatever we face in each new day

## PRAISES:

- For the MANY ways the Lord has faithfully and abundantly provided for our family - through others
- For the sweet fellowship times we have shared together in person with others who have been with us in Spirit and prayer so faithfully for so long
- Hearing how the Lord has been growing and using the lives of those we love in various ways; always for their good, and His glory
- The Lord keeping us safe on the road
- The SUV is running great.
- The fun famiy times we have had
- For my new understanding of how great my GOD is.

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