

Blue Asia Grace



Lock Down

What a year! Am I right? You don't need to be in an airplane to feel turbulence. Thank God for the peace that surpasses all understanding. I hope you've experienced that instead of being swept away by the torrent of frenzy saturating the world more and more each day. The book of Philipians has so much to offer us during times like this. That was the last Bible study I did before I left our field.

Our mission field has recently experienced their first outbreak of covid-19. Strict quarantine measures have been in place since mid-November, only allowing people to leave their homes for necessities nearby. As it concerns border closures and international travel resuming, their leaders announced July as being the future projection of when measures may begin. But that was before their outbreak and the mutated strain in Europe. International borders appear to be low on the docket for now.

Employment Blessings

In our last letter I wrote that I was going to look for work to raise money for the future tent making business. At the beginning of October, I was hired in at Family Fare, a local grocery store chain. My job at first was pushing carts and cleaning, and then I was trained in cashiering. Then they trained me in the dairy department, unloading trucks and stocking shelves. Now I'm being trained in the pharmacy. I pickup hours in each of the departments when they need me, but the pharmacy is my main focus. Our commitment going into this was to contribute each check for the future business, and we have set aside sixty-five hundred dollars so far. We thank God for His blessings, and we thank you for your prayers.





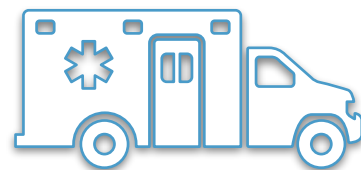
Public-Home School?

Needless to say, this school year has been very different for our family. After much prayer and discussion, we made the decision to put our daughter in public school this school year. It has been a wonderful experience for all of us and we have gleaned so much from it! It's definitely been an adventure. At the beginning of the year she started out two days in the school and three days virtual. Then in November, it moved to completely virtual. This was the hardest point for my wife and the kids. Our daughter had very little face time on the computer with her teacher—only about an hour a day—and my wife had to do almost all the teaching. Thankfully she is used to homeschooling, but we quickly learned that the virtual schooling took a lot more time than normal homeschooling. Some days they were at it until four pm. Then, at the end of January, her school opened back up completely. Our daughter was so excited to do her very first week of five days in the classroom! Although the virtual schooling was difficult, it did make it possible to take a trip to Pennsylvania to visit family during December.



Amplified Pain Syndrome

Our daughter has been suffering with daily pain since she had Lyme disease a year and a half ago. We assumed it was chronic Lyme and there was not much that the doctors could do for her. This fall we set up a doctor appointment to find out if there was anything that could possibly be done. She was referred to a number of specialists and had an x-ray, MRI, and several blood tests done. All the specialists agreed that she is not suffering from chronic Lyme, but that she has a chronic amplified pain syndrome. They said that it could have been triggered by the Lyme, which is why it started at the same time. This was actually great news because this condition is treatable! The final doctor they saw was one at the Pediatric Pain Clinic. He confirmed the diagnosis, and she was put on a waiting list to start a ten-week program of treatment at the Pain Clinic. We just recently had her first appointment on February fifteenth, and it went well. Please be in prayer for her and my wife as they make the long commute to Grand Rapids each week for her three hour treatment sessions.





Denver and our mission field have had a student exchange program for 40 years and officially became sister cities after the new millennium.



Please be in prayer

For God's timing in us getting back.

For my wife's knee with a torn ligament.

For our daughter's physical therapy for Amplified Pain Syndrome.

Praise God

For my work opportunities and advancements.

For the kids thriving in school.

