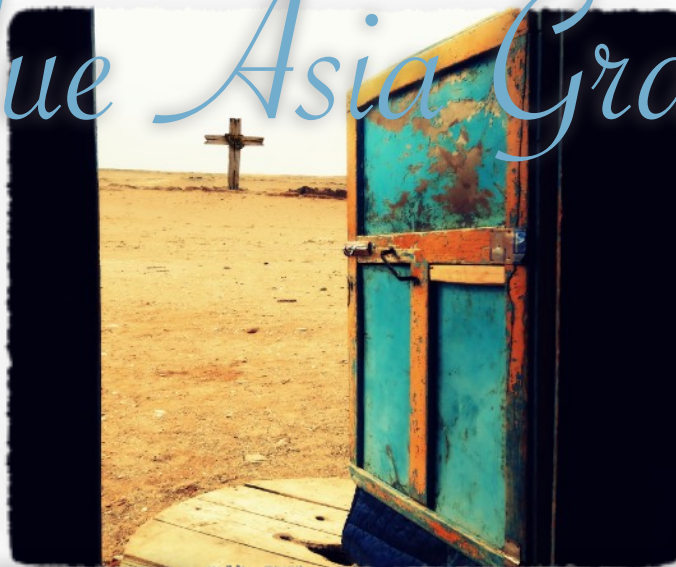


# Blue Asia Grace



## Updates Finished

During May, June, and July we gave updates to all our Michigan supporters. Then we spent more than 80 hours in the car traveling 5000 miles through August and September. We had destinations in Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maryland to meet with supporters, friends, and family. God provided us ample opportunities to spread the word about church planting and our new handcrafts ministry. We almost postponed the trip because of the skyrocketing gas prices, but then we had a supporter sponsor the trip.

Thank you so much to all those who housed us, prayed for us, and helped us along the way. Your willingness to be used by God is much appreciated.

## Answered Prayer

As many of you know, we are starting a new ministry to both aid in our future church planting and provide a longterm residency strategy for our family. The idea for it was born out of the collective effort of national Christians and myself to provide a viable solution to a formidable problem. The problem being that poverty in the countryside means a church cannot support a pastor, and finding someone willing to add shepherding to their regular work uncompensated is difficult. These kinds of problems do not resolve themselves. They require intentional and decisive action. After much prayer and direction from God, we are determined to see this ministry through.

Our work to import and sell fair-trade products to breath vitality into poverty-stricken church communities is anything but novel. There are other





such efforts with similar goals being done successfully these days. One of which has been in existence for more than 75 years (Ten Thousand Villages). Another one that I know of is called Zambeezi.

I became familiar with Zambeezi while at bible college in Wyoming because they had moved their operations there while I was attending college. They import raw materials (as well as handcrafted soaps) purchased fair-trade from Zambian bee keepers as a way to help fund christian ministries in Zambia. They take the organic beeswax and honey to produce lip balm and body balm. A friend of ours, whom we met at bible college, manages the logistics and operations of the company. He has experience in fair-trade operations, importing products into the US, selling online, and he also has his own business of taking online orders and fulfilling them. While we were in Wyoming we got to talk with him at length about all of his experience and what we will be doing in on the field. He was an incredible source of information and encouragement. His whole family ministered to us in so many ways. He's agreed to provide his services to warehouse our imported products and fulfill online orders. Thank you Hales!

God has answered prayers in awesome ways, and this has encouraged us all the more to keep moving forward. Thank you God!

P.S. If you are interested, you can find info about Zambeezi and their products at <https://zambeezi.com>



## Moving Forward

With our mission updates done and the logistics for the business figured out, the final task that needs to be finished before we can get back to the field is to finish the fund raising for the handcrafts ministry. That's it. That's the last thing. Once we are at 100% we can get back. We are currently at 35%. I check periodically to see if the government has lowered the required amount to 50k, and unfortunately they haven't as of yet. In the months ahead we will be seeking out new partners who want to reach those who have not yet heard the Gospel.



## For The Curious

The two-humped Bactrian camel is indigenous to Asia. Their name is taken from a region in Central Asia called Bactria. They live in groups of 6 to 30 in the wild with an average lifespan of 40 years.

There is a camel festival held every year during winter in the desert. They have a camel parade, racing, a polo competition, and other events.



## Family Corner

We all got to enjoy reconnecting with friends and family on our big road trip. Our kids got to ride go-karts for the first time and play a round of mini-golf during an outing with their grandmom and pop pop. Our son just had his birthday recently. We had a day of laser tag and bowling at an event center and a hotdog roast in the backyard.



If you would like to make a donation to help get this new ministry project up and going or become a monthly supporter, you may send a check to PO Box 160 LaGrange, WY 82221, made out to TBM with our project name (***Blue Asia Grace***) on the memo line. You can also electronically transfer funds from your bank or use a credit card through the [TBM website by following this link](#). You can call the TBM home office if you have any questions. Their number is 307-223-9400.



## Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer

For God's continued guidance for our future on the field

For our personal financial support. We currently receive 78% of our monthly needs

For mom and kids in their homeschooling

For the remaining finances for the handcrafts ministry so we can get back

For our son's upcoming 24hr EEG for his epilepsy

Praises:

For the amazing direction God has been giving this mission

For the safety and progress on our big trip

For God's provision of our new apartment

