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Our dear friends Dave and Penny Semmelbeck who work with BEE World.



Dave Gnau UPDATE! Dave's last report was a positive one. He is still stage 4 pancreatic cancer though the last treatment stopped growth which was occurring in the liver, lungs and pancreas.



John had the opportunity to help train a 2 day Communication lab as part of a greater AIA Ministry Training Conference!

BEE WORLD MINISTRY MISSION TRIP

We are extremely excited for Natalie's opportunity to serve along side BEE World ministry in India and Nepal. Natalie has such a passion for women, teaching the Word of God and for the world. She is extremely excited to put all three of those passions together over the next few weeks. We are excited to share that Natalie has reached her goal of \$3,500! Praise God for his provision. Additionally we give praise to God for the clearance of her visa to India which can be a little tricky. All that remains is requesting a visa to Nepal, however this will occur while they are in India.

Natalie leaves in three days and things seems to be coming together for her leaving. She has graciously been planning meals and organizing school for the kids to help make it easier for family that will be coming in to help while she is gone.

Please be praying for Natalie and Penny as they teach the BEE World Bible Study Methods course and share in India. In Nepal, another woman named Kathy will be joining them to train and equip another group of ladies. Other things you can be praying for include the following:

- *Travel safety and timely travel connections*
- *Good health both for Natalie, Penny, Kathy and the ladies who will be attending the course.*
- *Clear communication (teaching will be done via translating)*
- *Protection from those who oppose Christian work*

Also, a recent blessing came our way. James and Tanu Matthews, who are new to AIA staff, are from India. They have graciously offered up some of their time for coffee and dessert to educate us, primarily Natalie, on the culture of the particular region Natalie will be in during her time in India. We will be excited to meet with them this Tuesday evening (March 6)!

Thank you again to all who have been praying and supporting Natalie in this new adventure! I know she looks forward to updating everyone when she returns!



Download a Digital copy from our ministry website: macfamilyaia.org.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for Natalie as she travels to India and Nepal: March 8-25. Leaving this Thursday!
2. Pray for John as he cares for the kids while Natalie is gone (*John's parents are coming for a week, Natalie's mom is coming for another week to help)
3. Prayer for John's 2018 International Baseball Team as they need about 5 more players and an assistant coach. Please pray for the players as they raise their support and work through the details and logistics to leave for a month. Additionally please pray for the prices of the airline tickets. They are double in cost right now and this would greatly and obviously negatively impact the budget for the summer. We are praying for our travel agent to login in and confirm a good price at just the right time.

2018 INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL TEAM

This time of the year always tests my faith! Yes, even after all these years! I look at the number of roster spots we need to fill and then I look at the number of applications we have. They just do not match up! This gap creates a sense of worry and doubt... every year! I am confident I am not alone. My guess is that many of our anxiety levels begin to rise when God is doing something to mold us into the image of His Son. What are the yearly seasons in your life when you are confronted with worry and potential lack of trust in God and his plan? What do you do when you enter that season?

Well, over the years I would say that I have not always handled the situation in the way God wants me to. However, after all these years I am able to draw upon my past experiences of seeing God provide and that is in part what helps me move forward. I actually do two things; the first is anticlimactic and probably expected...I pray. I pray specifically for the positions we need and for my ability to trust God. The other thing I do is work. I go to social media and place the need out there in cyber world. I call coaches. I email coaches. There is a sense of urgency that moves me to action. Those two actions is what I believe God asks of us - spiritually dependent action. How about you? How do you demonstrate faith in action? I would love to hear!

The reality is that we never have enough pitchers or players, according to my plan, yet God crafts the team perfectly in the end and I must trust Him!

AIA PRINCIPLES TRAINING CONFERENCE

Every year Athletes in Action hosts our Principles Training Seminar. This intense equipping conference is extended to anyone in sport ministry wanting to grow in their effectiveness in drawing closer to practical truth of where our faith in Christ and Scripture intersect with sport. A portion of the training is a communication lab that lasts about two days. I had the privilege of assisting with training and encouraging some of these wonderful ministers of the Gospel. I had a group of 8-9 individuals, with a few current AIA staff members, a few AIA interns and some key volunteers that are a part of sports ministry in the New Jersey area. I really enjoyed encouraging and helping to equip them in their ministry communication effectiveness.

