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Family Photos



During our trip to CT for the funeral Paw Paw still had time to give some rides.



Natalie using her selfie stick she got from Christmas...yes I said selfie stick... probably the 3rd time she as used it.



We were also able to get a few family photos with nice dress up clothes...that has not happened in a while!

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SUMMER BASEBALL 2016

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It is that time of the year again! The month of May is filled with busy schedules and last minute preparations as the AIA summer teams gear up to head out across the globe to disciple athletes and share the good news of Jesus Christ. The baseball department had their final ‘packing party’ last week as they put together about 125 sports bags for each of the ball players that will be playing on one of our four teams. John officially leaves for Miami to do training camp with the team on May 28th and the excitement as that day quickly approaches, continues to rise. We would love that you continue praying for our preparations as a baseball department, but pray for each of the families who make the sacrifice of letting husbands and fathers leave for an extended period of time in order to invest in the lives of these players.

We would also like to challenge each family to pray for one or two players each day of the summer. As we all see the moral decline of our culture, the younger generation continues to face more and more indifference and even obstacles as they seek to walk faithfully with Jesus. We have the unique and special privilege of being a voice in the lives of these players and they will need all of our prayers to be strengthened, encouraged and challenged to return back home and to their universities bolder in their faith, firmer in understanding of what truth is, and more in love with Jesus Christ! Please faithfully pray for these players and for our leadership team. (See page 2 for list of names).

As a side note, Ariel, from the Dominican Republic who was planning on traveling with us to Panama and Guatemala was officially denied his visa. We are certain what the Lord is doing but we have to take heart in trusting him as John, in particular is very discouraged from the news. He had been working hard to have him join our ministry team.



Fun day at the park and John was able to get the kids to hang on long enough to get a cute photo!

Family Updates

- JT recently had a guitar recital and did an excellent job.
- Hudson’s favorite sport is soccer which he is enjoying his season right now.
- Lucia continues to enjoy her gymnastic classes and has started some formal schooling.
- Natalie is officially a DTS student and will take a class in the fall.
- John completed another semester of classes (Pastoral Counseling class).

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for each of the players this summer and leadership as they seek to build them up in their faith
2. Pray for Natalie and the kids are they try to keep busy this summer without John
3. Pray that we would rest in God’s perfect plan in regards to adoption and foster care.

<u>Chad Anders</u>	<u>Howard Payne University</u>
<u>David Boyle</u>	<u>Jacksonville University</u>
<u>Charles Brads</u>	<u>Taylor University</u>
<u>Jordan Brown</u>	<u>Baker University</u>
<u>Isaac Dominy</u>	<u>Union University</u>
<u>Joseph Dougherty</u>	<u>Grace College</u>
<u>Charles Ellis</u>	<u>Union University</u>
<u>Joshua Gerig</u>	<u>Linn-Benton CC</u>
<u>Timothy Gray</u>	<u>San Diego State University</u>
<u>Mitchel Holcomb</u>	<u>University of Pennsylvania</u>
<u>Lukas Kelly</u>	<u>Shasta College</u>
<u>Trevor Kerr</u>	<u>Washington & Jefferson</u>
<u>John McLaughlin</u>	<u>General Manager/Discipler</u>
<u>Steven Orozco</u>	<u>Intern/Translator (Lewisville HS)</u>
<u>Michael Pineda-O’Donnell</u>	<u>Southern New Hampshire Univ.</u>
<u>Jonathan Schultz</u>	<u>Miami University</u>
<u>Charles Shepherd</u>	<u>Modesto JC</u>
<u>Case Smith</u>	<u>Intern (Baylor University)</u>
<u>Trent Sullivan</u>	<u>Ass Coach- Univ.of Central MO</u>
<u>Nathan Sumner</u>	<u>(Intern) University of Tennessee</u>
<u>John Thomas</u>	<u>Harding University</u>
<u>Connor Tracy</u>	<u>Head Coach- Columbia State CC</u>
<u>Steven Wells</u>	<u>Philadelphia University</u>
<u>Spencer Wise</u>	<u>Columbia State CC</u>
<u>William Zimmer</u>	<u>Augusta State University</u>
<u>Ariel Benetiz</u>	<u>Dominican Republic</u>

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ADOPTION UPDATE

We will be officially licensed as foster care/adopt parents at the end of May through Agape for Youth in Dayton, OH but have decided to wait until September to take a placement. We still continue to wait on the Nicaragua adoption but have decided if we have not received a referral before our home study expires in August 2017, we will not renew.