

HALBERT UPDATE

June 2020



Praise the Lord

- Praise the Lord that we are at 54% of our monthly need.
- Alex was able to get a part-time job over the past couple of months that has eased the financial burden that came with this transition.
- We are thankful for the new connections we were able to make during Living in Grace.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray with us about the support raising process. Especially in the midst of Covid19.
- Emma Kate starts school in August. This is new for our family and for Emma Kate.
- Please pray for our family as we continue to make transitions and steps towards Honduras



Prayer Cards Are In

We just received our new Mission to the World prayer cards and we are very excited to share them with you. The picture that we chose is an especially fond memory from our time in South Africa. Just before we left South Africa some friends of ours offered to take some family photos at Blaauklippen, one of our favorite picturesque farms outside of Stellenbosch. They had a weekly food and craft market that we would often attend as a family with some of our interns, ministry partners, visitors, and other missionaries. This picture serves as a great memory of wonderful blessing from the Lord for our family and as a great hope that the Lord will give us equally important memories in Honduras.

Living in Grace Conference

This past week Maggie and I were involved a Mission to the World virtual conference called Living in Grace. Maggie and I always enjoy getting to spend with other missionaries and hearing the amazing stories of how the Lord is working in their lives and where he is leading them. We much prefer to do this in person



Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble
roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone can heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts
prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to
fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I
flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to
Thee
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy
face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
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- Anne Steele

and originally the conference was scheduled as such, but due to Covid19 we ended up having to do it virtually. Even still, we were very grateful for all we learned and all the new virtual friendships we were able to make. We will now be praying for new friends made via our visual small group. One family will be serving in Scotland and the other will be serving in Italy.

Support Update

Maggie and I are so grateful for all the supporters who have been able to make the transition from UWM to MTW with us. We had been praying that the Lord would be allow us to reach 55% of our needed monthly support after fully making this transition. We are excited to share that we are currently at 54%. We realize that may seem a bit low, but right after we returned to the US, our second largest church ended up having to stop supporting us due to financial issues. That on top of a larger budget with MTW lowered our monthly average. We have been extremely encouraged by all who have been able to continue to support us and surprised by several people who have been able to increase their monthly donation. We are now praying the Lord would allow us to reach 75% in the coming months and that we would be making plans to head to the field at the end of the year. We would be grateful if you would pray this way with us.

Pictures and More

We wanted to share a little more about the pictures and hymn that we put in this update.

- At the top left of the first page, Emma Kate and William are enjoying being outside on a rainy day here in Knoxville. Emma Kate got the umbrella for her birthday (at her request... missionary kid) and has taken every opportunity to use it that she can.

- At the top of this page there is a family picture from a recent outing to a local nature reserve. Everyone loved getting outside for a bit, even in the East Tennessee humidity.

We added this hymn by Anne Steele because the Lord has been using it recently to encourage us. We hope it serves to encourage you as well.

With Love, Alex, Maggie, Emma Kate, William, & Warren