

The Williams Family - Harvest Baptist Missions

Ministry Update / Prayer Letter

Summer 2017

Dear Steve,

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God..." James 1:5a

Greetings Friends! The daily routine of a missions director seems to be anything but "routine" these days. Each day brings a new challenge, new experience, and the need for new wisdom. Years ago when I was working for the telephone company, I remember constantly asking the Lord for the wisdom that I needed to make it through that day. I had the attitude that "if He didn't give me the wisdom I needed, I was really going to mess things up." Thankfully, I still maintain that attitude today as the director of HBM. I don't have the ability (knowledge, wisdom, intellect, etc.) to do the things that I am required to do on a daily basis. However, I know that One who has all of that and more - and I still lean on Him every day to help me accomplish what He has called me to do. It seems that the problems we confront today continue to be more complex, more challenging, and at times, more disheartening. Sometimes gains are accompanied with losses. The enemy is always at work trying to wreak havoc and discouragement. Nonetheless, we press on! We don't give in! We keep our eyes on our Savior and prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.



Overall, the work of our HBM missionary families continues to flourish as lives throughout the world are being changed by the power of the Gospel. Please continue to pray for our faithful servants on the field: Laodima Family (Togo), Bowman Family (Ireland), Pinos Family (Philippines), Catriz Family (Philippines), and the Yoder Family (North America).

Upcoming Togo, Africa Trip - Early 2018

Kris, Abbey and I are still planning our trip to Togo to visit with HBM Missionaries, David and Justine Laodima. Bro. David recently asked that we delay the trip until early next year to give them more time to prepare for the celebration ceremony as one of their mission churches will become fully indigenous. Presently, we are trying to nail down dates in either February or April of 2018. In addition to the purpose mentioned above, we will also be conducting a marriage retreat as well as visiting each of the churches throughout Togo (as well as the orphanage) that

this family has helped to establish. It has been quite a few years since our last visit and we are very excited about seeing first hand how things have prospered under their leadership. We have raised close to \$1500 for this trip but with three of us traveling, we still have quite a way to go (estimated total need about \$4-\$5K). If you would like to invest in this trip, your gifts can be sent to Harvest Baptist Missions, labeled as "Togo Missions Trip."



The Laodima & Williams Family - Togo 2011.

Restore Biblical Counseling

One area in particular where I constantly beg God for wisdom and discernment is in our counseling ministry. This ministry has continued to expand and we greatly covet your prayers as we share biblical solutions with struggling people. We typically oversee a "case load" of ten counselees during any given period of time.



Kris often joins me as we speak truth into people's lives that are dealing with various hurts and heartaches. Please pray for us as we labor for the Lord in this area. Problems that people bring forward today are complicated and difficult. However, we remain fully convinced in the sufficiency of God's Word and will continue to share it as man's only hope for real, lasting help.

PureMen Ministry

This summer, Kris and I were able to lead a month-long "PureTeen" study in our church. Kris taught the youth girls and I met with the boys. With the constant barrage of sex-related images directed at our teens, we greatly looked forward to the opportunity to help teach them to be passionate about purity. While these are never easy discussions to have with teens, we felt the study was a tremendous

success.

Our 10th year of conducting the PureMen bible study (www.puremenministry.org) will begin in mid-September. I have been working this summer to do a re-design on the class in an effort to "keep it fresh." I am excited to see how the Lord will use it in the lives of men that He brings our way this Fall. For many years, we have used as our textbook, "At the Altar of Sexual Idolatry" by Steve Gallagher (Pure Life Ministries). This is an outstanding, biblically based resource that has been a great help to thousands of men caught in the bondage of sexual sin.

Earlier this year, Pure Life Ministries released a DVD series based on this book and it is outstanding. If you know of men in your church that are struggling with issues relating to purity, I cannot recommend it highly enough. Please pray for this ministry as we re-

launch next month. As all of you know, this particular sin is rampant in our society - and unfortunately, it has found its way into the church. There is always considerable opposition as we conduct this ministry so your prayers are greatly appreciated.

PureMen

New HBM Website Update



Don't forget to check out our newly redesigned HBM website:

www.harvestbaptistmissions.org

Family Update

Last month, our family was able to enjoy a week down in Florida. This was truly a special time as we were able to visit family in both Atlanta and Tampa areas. With Corey beginning his junior year at Ohio State later this month, we also know that times like these are becoming more rare. We were also thrilled to have a short visit from Ashli and our grand kids earlier this month. Our son Tyler is on his fifth USAF deployment and will hopefully return home to New Mexico in early September. Abbey has already began volleyball practice and will start the 8th grade at First Baptist Christian School later this month. Where did the summer go?!



Nana and Pa with Anah & Evan,
August 2017

Truly, God
has been good to us and we are so
thankful for each of you who have
labored with us for so many years now.



Cocoa Beach, July 2017

As always, thank you for your constant care for our family.

May the Lord continue to bless each of you as you faithfully serve Him!

Sincerely,

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