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Dear partners in prayer,

May - June 2017

Although all of you should have received a recent letter from us concerning our little daughter, Jochebed Emma Folkers, we wanted to send out one more update to fill you in on our activities during May - June.

After our return from my Grandma's funeral in May we were in three churches near Springfield, MA and one in Cape Cod, before heading down to Virginia, West Virginia and three churches in North Carolina. We could say so much concerning all the wonderful people we met all along the way, and the blessing they were to us. If I began to give specifics I would fill up too much space trying not to leave anything out! Each church was a special blessing in some specific way, and we enjoyed every meeting the Lord gave us. We were also thankful for the friends who let us stay with them as we passed through, and treated us so kindly.



ON TOP OF A MOUNTAIN NEAR OCEANA, WV

After leaving NC we made our way down to Florida for our missions agency's annual Family Week. The Lord filled in the last two holes in our schedule, providing us a meeting in GA and one in Titusville, FL, just minutes away from where we were staying with a friend. With those gaps filled, we had a meeting for every single service in May and June (except during our brief trip to SD for the funeral and wedding)! Next we went over to Ocala, FL, where Memorial Baptist had invited us to be in their missions conference, in conjunction with World Wide's annual meeting. This conference extended from Sunday to Sunday, and they went to such an unbelievable amount of labor and expense. They fed us wonderfully and put us all up in a Hampton Inn. We enjoyed being in the same place for that long, and Kaitlin and I particularly enjoyed being around the godly, older servants of the Lord, who have faithfully served Him for many years. Their testimonies and sweet spirits really impacted us. Then it was time for us to return to WI for the birth of our baby. Our last meeting was in Laura, OH, at a church that has supported my grandparents for over forty years!

We arrived in Milwaukee on June 29, and settled into a missions apartment we'll be renting until the end of August. Although our original purpose was to stay put here for a little while after the birth of the baby, we are going to leave our calendar the same because of several meetings scheduled in this area. If any of you would like to watch the funeral service for Jochebed, you can access it online. It was very nice. The service itself starts at exactly ten minutes into the video.

We've enjoyed getting busy in the summer activities of Falls Baptist Church. Last week we were helping out with Vacation Bible School, an outreach which brings in hundreds of children and their parents. I'm thankful for the opportunity this summer to continue working with some individuals in whom I've invested much the past several years. Please pray with me for spiritual progress

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in their lives these next several weeks. The one thing I've missed the most during our deputation travels is the opportunity for long-term personal investment in lives. We appreciate your prayers that our stay here would be fruitful.

The Lord has given us some good witnessing opportunities during our travels, including some with whom we've been able to establish continued contact. One man with a Mormon background whom I met in Virginia had breakfast with me in Charlotte, NC a month later. In Asheville, NC we visited with an agnostic young man on his front porch for over an hour. He was willing to listen, and seemed especially touched by Kaitlin's testimony. He's planning to attend grad school in Chicago this fall, so we took his name and hope to drop in and see him again. In Kinston, NC we were able to establish a relationship with a surprisingly open Jordanian Muslim convenience-store owner.

Later this week Kaitlin and I will be making a trip down to southeast Missouri for the Reaching Beyond Borders missionary boot camp. Last year I greatly benefited from their regular biennial camp. This year they are putting on a shorter one-week camp focusing on emergency medical preparation for remote areas, as well as security in risky third-world scenarios. This is an excellent camp, put on by Independent Baptists with a burden for missions and with the training and experience to make it an invaluable preparation for anyone going into third-world missions. If you know anyone who might be interested, [here is the link](#) to a short video telling about the camp.

The Lord has greatly blessed in doubling our support level since our last prayer letter! We've had a number of additional churches take us on monthly, including Anchor Baptist and New Haven Baptist in NE; Souls Harbor Baptist and Falls Baptist in WI; Oak Park Road Baptist in VA; Turkey Ridge Baptist in WV; and Little Ivy Baptist in NC. Some individuals have also felt led to make a monthly commitment. Our support level has reached at least \$1400/month, which is 70% of our December goal! We've also been blessed by some incredibly generous love offerings, which we plan to put towards our travel and preparation expenses. We thank the Lord for the love you have shown toward His name!



THERE IS EVERY KIND! (No, this isn't one of our new supporting churches ;)

We are excited to have just purchased our tickets to Cameroon! Lord willing, we will be leaving from Chicago on December 13. We are also ready to begin getting our vaccinations and gathering supplies for our trip. We do have some unexpected hospital and doctor bills, but we are pursuing ways to have those reduced or even forgiven. Our prayer is that the need can be met in other ways, so the Lord's money can be put to other uses. Thank you to those of you who have already given specifically toward that need. May the Lord bless you for it!

We would appreciate your prayers that we would allow the Lord to do the work in us He intends through the events He has brought into our lives, and that He would also use it in the lives of others; for fruitfulness, wisdom and discipline in the use of our time; that we would learn all we can at the missions camp; for guidance as I seek to finish filling up our fall schedule; and for efficiency as we prepare for our departure.

May the Lord's grace be with you all,

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