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August-September 2022-One Year Recap

September 1 marks one full year here on the field. A year ago today, we pulled into the driveway of a house we had never seen, hauling two trucks, a trailer, and every cargo rack you could imagine packed with our belongings. It has been a wonderful year, and the Lord has truly blessed in so many ways. We are all so thankful for how He has worked and want to share some of the big things with everyone who has supported us both prayerfully and financially this year.

September: We arrived at our new house that we had leased sight unseen. It ended up being a wonderful home in a nice neighborhood with two parks within walking distance. We got settled in and learned our area then went back to Georgia for one week for Scott's ordination.

October: At a church planters conference, Scott was given the money to purchase a ministry vehicle, and another missionary gave us a deep freezer to help us store groceries! We officially started outreach and began inviting people to our home for Bible Study.

November: We held our first Bible Study at our home and regularly had about 10 people visit! Immediately, we realized we would need a larger meeting place.

December: A church sent us a check to purchase a full size electric piano. We rented a space at the local community center and ordered 25,000 invitations for an every door direct mail campaign.

January: We rented our current building for only \$850 (versus \$4,000 for the average storefront here) and began to remodel.

February: We started demolition and rebuilding walls in the church building! Our building now has a sanctuary that can seat about 60 people, a small area for food/fellowship, two bathrooms, an office, a galley kitchen, a nursery, a classroom and a small welcome area! We couldn't have imagined such a wonderful place to meet, but the Lord provided everything we needed.

March: We had our last Bible study in the community center and had to meet at our house for a few more weeks until the church inspection was complete. We got permission to have a Resurrection Sunday Service in the building even though it was not officially complete.

April: We had a wonderful service with two other families, and we all enjoyed being in the building, even though it was

under construction. Supplies came in for 5,000 door hanger bags to pass out in our town.

May: May was a big month for us! A team from Wings Bearing Precious Seed came out for a week and helped complete our construction and church decorating. They passed out nearly 3,000 door hangers with invitations to our Grand Opening on May 8. In our Grand Opening Service we had 11 first time guests and nearly 40 people in service!! We also began our homeschool year that same week, and all of our materials were paid for by generous giving.

June: Brother Lamar Whittemore brought his trailer and cooked BBQ for the founder's day festival called Teapot Days. We were able to contact several new people through this outreach and plan to do even more next year at the festival. Finn turned 2, and Seth turned 6!

July: We attended the Northwest Regional Orientation in Buffalo, Wyoming with Macedonia World Baptist Missions. It was a great time of fellowship and encouragement. One of our other families in the church has faithfully helped with our outreach ministry, and we have seen many more visitors recently. Maddy celebrated her 11th birthday.

August: Zeke turned 4! Although we have about 30 people attending church faithfully, they are scattered across our 4 different services throughout the week, but for the first time we had everyone together in our Sunday morning service! It was a blessing for everyone! Several raised their hands needing to be saved, but none came forward. Please continue to pray for these souls as they know there is a need for salvation but have not placed their faith in the Lord.

The kids have all been working hard on their school work, and we are nearly half way done! Lillie's 10th birthday is at the end of October. It is our family tradition that we don't do birthday parties every year, but for their 10th birthday we do something special. We are hoping to have a big celebration and invite her new friends and all the families who have visited church with small children. There are about 12 kids altogether that have visited with their families, and Lillie is excited to fellowship with their families and make more connections with our community. Many of these children and their parents are lost, and we are praying for more opportunities to witness to them.

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