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## New Magnets & Magazines

This month has been a busy month of preparations! We were incredibly blessed this summer with getting up to 58% funded which means Greg was able to go on partial salary, quit his two part time jobs, and we can now focus this fall/winter on fundraising in order to get to Asia soon!

In preparation for fall fundraising, this month we updated our prayer magnets and magazine information packets. **If you would like to be mailed our new prayer magnet (pictured right),**

**please [email us](#) and we would love to send you one!** You can also [go to our website](#) to download our new magazine information packet which we give to potential partnering individuals and churches when we present our ministry to them. Please feel free to share this information packet with anyone you think might be interested in our ministry.



## Upcoming Events

**Snow Bible Church**  
Kent City, MI  
August 28, 2016

**Heritage Baptist Church**  
Manistee, MI  
September 18, 2016

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## Our Vision

*Equipping*  
Leaders to reach Asia.

*Empowering*  
Asian churches to reproduce.

*Expanding*  
God's kingdom in Asia.

If you want daily updates about our ministry, please click the link below to "Like" our ministry Facebook page.



## 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary



11 years ago in August we were engaged at Navy Pier in Chicago, so this month in celebration of our 10th wedding anniversary we returned to Chicago! The past 10 years have been a special adventure - 9 as parents...8 in seminary...7 different homes...6 countries visited...5 jobs...4 kids...3 states called home...2 countries called home - some amazing highs and difficult lows but through it all God has faithfully kept us united as 1! It was wonderful to spend some special time together preparing for another 10+ years together!

## Refreshing Church Presentations

This month we had the opportunity to present our ministry to two churches - Highpoint Evangelical Chinese Church in Columbus, OH and York Baptist Church in Milan, MI. We always consider it a special joy and privilege to be able to share with others about how they can be part of expanding God's kingdom in Asia!

Both churches were a special blessing as the first told us within a few days they wanted to commit to supporting us monthly, and the second gave our family a special "Christmas in August." At the Christmas party they even gave our kiddos new bikes! Often times traveling to churches can start to wear on little ones, so it was a huge blessing to have this church visit be especially fun and refreshing as we prepare to jump into Fall support raising.



## Relationship Building



This month we've been able to continue to build relationships with our neighbors. We invited four neighbor children to come with Christian and Abbie to our church's children's Revelation Wellness camp. Rachel was able to help one neighbor by babysitting her son several times this month as she prepares for a new job. Rachel was also able to help coordinate our church small group preparing freezer meals for a neighbor having major back surgery in September.

Please be praying for us as we continue to build relationships with our neighbors and seek to be a blessing to them! Please be praying for God to prepare their hearts to hear the gospel, and for us to have wisdom to know when to present God's truths to them. We know our time in America is not just "wait time," but a God-ordained important time where He has brought us special neighbors that need to hear of the love and hope of Jesus Christ.

## Isaac's Kidney Tests



Thank you so much for your prayers for Isaac! We went over the results of Isaac's VCUG with his doctors, and the reflux in his small, right kidney is still extremely bad. On January 24th we'll be having a renal scan done to measure the function of Isaac's kidneys. If his right kidney is functioning poorly (20% or less) then the kidney will basically be deemed not worth saving, and Isaac will need to continue to be monitored but won't need imminent surgery. We'll just move forward with the mindset that he really just has 1 properly functioning kidney. If his right kidney is functioning at above 20% we'll

need to talk with his doctors about possibly having surgery to stop the reflux so it won't make the kidney worse. Depending on the functionality of the right kidney we might be in a gray zone making it a hard decision as we weigh the pros/cons of surgery and leaving things alone. For now we're praying that God will prepare the doctors' and our hearts and minds, so that the choice to have surgery will be very clear this winter. Thank you so much for your prayers!

# Financial Update

Click the link above the chart on the left to see a more detailed chart of our monthly ministry partner needs.

Monthly Ministry Partners:  
58% Supported

Outfit and Passage: 12% Funded



Praise the Lord this month we were blessed with 1 new church and 4 new individual financial partners! We are so blessed to have individuals partnering with us at all different levels - from \$10 a month to \$500 a month. Would you consider becoming one of our financial partners too?

## Praises and Prayer Requests

Thank you so much for praising God with us and praying for our needs. Please email us with any prayer requests you have so that we can be praying for you as well!

- 1) Praise God for blessing us with 10 wonderful years of marriage! Please pray for our marriage to continue to be strengthened each day by God's grace.
- 2) Praise God for blessing us with refreshing church presentations this month! Please pray for our family to have strength and energy as we continue traveling to share about our ministry.
- 3) Praise God for blessing us with opportunities to build into our neighbors' lives! Please pray for us to have the opportunity to share the gospel with them.
- 4) Praise God that Isaac has been blessed with a team of wonderful doctors! Please pray for his test on January 24th to make it clear whether we should pursue surgery for his kidney issue.
- 5) Praise God for blessing us with 1 new church and 4 individual financial partners! Please pray for God to continue to work in the hearts of churches and individuals to partner with our ministry in prayer and financially!

Thank you so much for all of your love and support!

*Dreg + Rachel*