



THE Kennard FAMILY

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Dear Praying friends:

How often we say it... but where has the time gone? As we reflect on another two months of God's continued faithfulness and provision it seems like the days have just flown by. As we previously mentioned, in the month of July we had two "big events" for our church family to participate in. First, we have been praying about sending direct door mailers to the surrounding area with strictly a gospel message that would be thought provoking and first class in appearance and during the first full week of the month God opened that door for us. After much prayer and planning all of the mailers made it to the mailboxes of nearly 10,000 postal customers in our area. So far we have had one couple attend as a direct result. Additionally, a church in the area reached out to see how they could send out the same type of mailer because they liked the way the mailer was designed with the gospel message as the focus. Since our church family has been praying for this campaign they have been really encouraged to see God use the mailers to bring someone as a guest. The next big event was our first ever VBS. We had a total of 17 volunteers from our church family that stepped up and helped us facilitate this effort. We had no idea what to expect as far as attendees, so we planned for as many as 50 children to attend. On the first night we had 5 little ones and by the last night we had 13! On one particular night, my wife was teaching the K5-3rd grade girls, she offered for any of them to know more about what it means to be saved and go to heaven, two of them raised their hands and were dealt with by one of our lady volunteers. While they did not "officially" accept Jesus as their Saviour, we all rejoiced that the seed of the gospel was definitely planted in their hearts. Even though overall it was far less than what we planned for we all saw the value of God only bringing 13 and none of our volunteers were disappointed in the results. In fact they were very encouraged and excited to plan for another VBS next year should the LORD allow.

In the month of August, we had one of our church members go to the hospital via ambulance and had to stay for 11 days while they ran a lot of tests to figure out he has a type of blood cancer and some other issues that are causing him a great deal of consistent pain. This family is a bit more spiritually mature and understand the value in asking the leaders of the church to pray over him for healing. It was our first time we've done that as a church, other than just praying with someone at the hospital. It was uplifting and enlightening to take part in this biblical practice for this man.

Also, in August, our kids started the new school year. Amazingly, we now have one in High School (Clayton) and one in Jr. High (Sierra). I am so grateful for my wife who works diligently to keep them on a regular schedule and on task throughout the day.

We consider it a great privilege to be your representatives in Meriden, KS. To God be the glory!

Sincerely,

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