

The Wendel Family

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

2010

² Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; ³ Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: ⁴ That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

-Colossians 4:2-4

How glad we are to be once again celebrating the advent of the birth of our Savior! It is without a doubt our favorite time of year. Not just because of the festivities and good cheer that generally surround the Christmas season, but because we are called to remember just how blessed we are. Every Christmas it seems I have to pause and ruminate on the fact that God was born. Did you catch that? GOD WAS BORN! Everything about that fact is absolutely amazing to me. I can't begin to wrap my mind around the heavenly logistics and supernatural intercession of that event. It is certainly well within the bounds of mystery to me. While I'll never understand how God came in flesh, why He came has been revealed in His Word. That which was a mystery in ancient times, is now made manifest to us. He came to reconcile, He came to seek and to save, He came to atone, He came to reveal, and He came to make new. All that had been lost is restored in Jesus Christ. How blessed we are to live in the time when God's great mystery has been exposed! WikiLeaks can't hold a candle to the scandal of Christmas! Now pray that God would give us opportunity to speak this earth-shattering revelation to those around us!

New Year Plans

I suppose by now it should be a shame unto me to admit that God surprises me. Knowing the God that we serve, we really shouldn't be surprised at His goodness toward us. Even still, every now and again, He catches me off-guard with His care and provision for our family. In the last month over \$450 in monthly support has been committed to this ministry! We are only \$250 shy of our monthly support goal! We are now well within reach of returning to the Czech Republic. The only hurdles that remain are some one-time outfit and passage expenses and visas. Both of which I am confident will be provided for in a timely manner. At the present rate of visa processing we are looking toward a return to the Czech Republic in late February/early March, which will leave plenty of margin for our current fundraising goals. We are truly blessed and eagerly anticipating our return to the Czech Republic!



Praise-Worthy Provision!

I'm usually reticent about acknowledging individual contributions or blessings to our ministry in a newsletter, not because we aren't appreciative, but because there are so many supporters and encouragers of our ministry that we couldn't possibly properly acknowledge them all without short-changing someone. But we wanted to share one particular blessing because we believe it would be an encouragement to others to see how God provides in wonderful ways for our family. Those of you who are without dental insurance, know what a daunting proposition a trip to the dentist is. Multiply that proposition times a large family and you might be eating rice and beans for the foreseeable future (not that we could complain about that really, but you get the point). We had concerns for our dental needs during our time home, but knew that we could never afford the services that we

needed. Until one of our faithful friends Dr. Gary Howland offered to take care of our dentistry for free! Along with his assistant Mary, they set aside an entire Friday and Saturday to meet each in our family's needs which included X-Rays, cleanings, sealants, and fillings. How blessed we were by their generous and humble service. We have no needs that God is not aware of. We have been truly blessed and are grateful that God works in the hearts of His people to meet our needs. We thank God because of you Dr. Gary and Mary!



Sugar Cubes

While all of our children seem to be adept explorers. Gavin has taken his newfound affinity to industriousness to new heights. He has discovered that a stool makes an excellent ladder, and ladders open a whole new realm of possibilities, particularly in the arena of nutrition acquisition. Or more simply put, raiding the pantry. Pictured above is his latest acquisition, a bowl full of sugar cubes (don't worry, we did manage to abate the gluttony early enough that the risk to his health should be negligible). On an interesting note: Did you know that the sugar cube was invented in the Czech Republic?



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Current Support Needs

Monthly Support—\$250

Outfit & Passage—

Visa Fees- \$2,500

Vehicle Repair- \$1,000

Language School- \$3,000

Shipping- \$2,000

Total: \$8,500

