



July & August 2024 + A Big Family Update!

*Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. **For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.** Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Psalm 33:20-22*



We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

Ephesians 2:10 has been on my (Emily's) heart for many months now. God does indeed have good works for each one of us prepared beforehand. As much as our hearts desire to know and understand all that lays ahead for us, He asks only that we walk in His ways. My tendencies are usually to run ahead or lag behind, but how sweet it is to just walk alongside the Lord as He gently leads.

It seemed as if Uganda was going to be our home for many, many more years, but, in a lesson that we seem slow to learn and re-learn, the Lord reminded us that our ways are not His ways and we need to hold our hopes, dreams, and belongings with open hands - it is all His, anyway!

Last week Brent's home church, Zion Free Lutheran Church in Tioga, ND, sent him a letter of call to be an assistant pastor with a focus on discipleship and one-on-one ministry. Discipleship has been near and dear to our hearts the past many years. We are excited to announce that we have accepted the position.

Before moving to North Dakota, however, we have commitments to the World Missions department of the AFLC through the end of the year, including a six-week trip back to Uganda as a family. Thank you all for your prayers for our family. These past six months have seemed tumultuous for us as we've navigated many "no's". We are so happy to share with you all this next *good work that the Lord has prepared in advance for us!* Join us in giving thanks to the Lord for how He walks beside us and reveals to us each step of the way in His good time.

In Christ,

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Please pray...

- For all of the 2024 graduates of Ambassador Institute as they continue to go forward from their graduation, stepping out in faith and seeking opportunities to share the Word they have committed to heart with others. And for their continued growth in God's word and in the Spirit.
 - For the Ambassador Institute Leadership Team in Uganda, as they handle the news of our family and the Jores no longer being there on a permanent basis. Pray that the Lord will continue to encourage, lead, and guide them.
 - For Musasazi and Namiyonjo, two members of Ambassador Institute, as they bring the teaching of Ambassador Institute in South Sudan. It is difficult traveling and living conditions. Pray for safety and blessing upon all those that gather to train.
 - For our family as we navigate these next four and a half months. We will be doing a lot of traveling until we load a U-Haul in December to move from Minnesota to North Dakota. Pray for safety in travel, rest and refreshment, and sweet community and conversation with those we visit.
 - For Michael Rokenbrodt as he continues on with the work in Uganda. He will be traveling back to Uganda in early September for a five-month trip. Pray for his encouragement, wisdom, and direction in all things.
 - For the Jore family as Nate began his new position with International Orality Institute last week and they are settling into their new home.
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There are many pictures that we shared on the digital version of this newsletter that, unfortunately, for the sake of length of printing this PDF version, we are unable to share here. However, there are two that I would like to include here as well.



Amaleah graduated from both Learning RX and vision therapy during the month of July. Prior to participating in these two therapies, she was seeing double for reading and anything that was close-up, her eyes were unable to transition from near-sightedness to far-sightedness (despite having 20/20 vision). The combination of these two therapies were life changing for her and were absolutely worth bringing our family back to the US for her to do these.



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