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## Appreciating New Things

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Looking back over this year, this encouraging theme comes to mind: **appreciating new things**. Todd is encouraged as we look back over his first year in his new ministry role and tally up what has been accomplished. He was responsible for finding and purchasing homes in Waukesha for incoming new staff families. 2022 will see more new staff joining our team here in Waukesha with the need to further develop our facilities to accommodate our growing staff.

Discussions about future expansion to accommodate a larger student body are ongoing. As we look to the Lord, we seek His provision and wisdom regarding student housing, parking, classrooms, dining facilities, etc. Sue oversees parking for all staff and students and those limitations are already felt.

We still do not currently have a prospective buyer for the empty school building in Jackson. Please pray this can be sold in the coming year. However, Todd is working through the final sale of twelve of the staff homes near the school.

We are feeling much more connected with the students mostly because (Covid) circumstances have eased up (at least for now). We can eat lunch in the dining hall with them. This has been huge—being visible and available to the students and having encouraging conversations. Every Tuesday evening is our “Green Letters-Principles of Spiritual Growth” Bible study in our home with upwards of 18 students. Sometimes it’s hard for us to get a word in edgewise amidst all their comments and probing questions!

Sue is happy to be challenged to learn something new—cash receipting. The finance office is understaffed, so someone is needed to help process incoming cash and checks, student tuition payments, etc. Another growing ministry responsibility is her involvement in childcare, every Friday morning with the three-year-olds. Three times this semester, she’s been called to be lead teacher instead of helper, which is challenging *and* tiring. It’s also fun coming up with a craft every week, which reminds her of doing VBS crafts many years ago!

Todd had a short stretch doing what he used to do—meeting with students to help them financially to make their tuition payments. He realized how much he missed this student interaction. However, in the theme of “appreciating new things,” not having this responsibility has been a blessing which has freed up our time to travel and see our kids and grandkids!



We have been able to take long weekend trips to Tennessee—for Isaac’s 7th birthday and then again for Aria’s 10th—and to Colorado—for Nora’s 1st birthday!



On other weekends, we have tried to take advantage of exploring this beautiful state of Wisconsin. We took a day's drive to Wisconsin Rapids to see the cranberry beds (we didn't know Wisconsin is the leading producer of cranberries). And returning home, we were able to go through Wisconsin

Dells. A short-day trip on the weekend can feel like a mini vacation!

The Lord has met our need for connectedness by giving us a fantastic church where we meet new people every Sunday. We were invited into a home Bible study with couples our age, which has been fun and enriching.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas. Keep looking to our Marvelous Savior as we head into 2022.

We love you and thank God for you.

*Todd and Sue*



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