

**The LORD has
done great things
for us, and we are
filled with joy.
Psalm 126:3**

~ Christmas 2022 ~



As 2022 draws to a close and Christmas draws near, we not only remember the birth of our Savior, but we also reflect on the Lord's work in building His church to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Personally, we are recognizing how He is building "teams" in so many areas of our lives. *"So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."* (Romans 12:5)

Before Thanksgiving, we gathered together and enjoyed a Friendsgiving potluck meal with our church family at Kettle Moraine Community Church. Afterwards we broke into discussion groups to consider the question "what is the function of the church?" As we considered Romans 12:5 and other verses, we talked about unity, our common purpose, involvement in each other's lives, and using our gifts for building up the body. The Lord was using that time together to build a "team" at KMCC, and we are so thankful to be a part of that! We sat with an older gentleman and a couple—all new attenders, and it felt good to be part of making them feel welcome in our church family.

The Lord is also growing our family. Last Christmas we didn't know (but we knew it was coming!) that Amy and Dave would get engaged in January and married in July. This Christmas we celebrate with them as a married couple! We also welcomed a cute new grandson, Silas, into our family in May. This year has been a whirlwind with three Nelson family weddings which brought our family together many times. We were thankful to finally have the chance to visit Sue's family in Arizona in late October. Now we are excited for good family time over Christmas break with our kids and grandkids.

We get the privilege to be a part of what the Lord is doing, growing and establishing His team at Ethnos360 Bible Institute. Todd is in a lot of meetings these days, working on documents for accreditation, setting up new accounts and just so much time sitting and working on the computer. He missed teaching this semester because all his time and energy needed to go toward these things—important things that draw our team together, making us more effective in our ministry of training future missionaries.

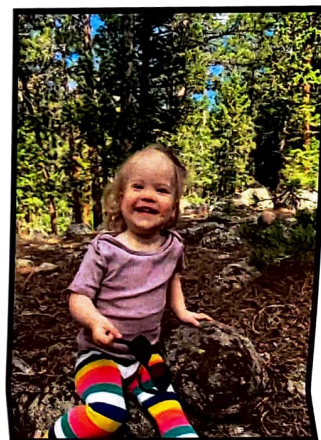
Thankfully we are both involved in student discipleship in our Tuesday evening "Walking in Victory" study as well as leading a Wednesday chapel with 12 students. Out of this we developed a friendship with a young dating couple, and we are meeting with them for pre-marital counseling.

Sue is involved in teambuilding particularly with our co-workers. She joined the Staff Events Committee, which plans monthly get-togethers and the upcoming Christmas party. She also joined the Child Protection Committee, being available if questions or problems arise regarding child safety at EBI. She assists Todd by overseeing parking and as the Volunteer Coordinator, screening volunteers, employees, and interns. Attending ladies retreat turned out to be an excellent friendship-building time. Serving in childcare each Friday morning is helping to build the childcare department into a vibrant ministry at EBI.



In all the busyness of life, we can lose sight of the Lord and what He is doing. Let's not "miss the forest for the trees." At a recent staff meeting we received an update from the Field Leaders Forum in Thailand. The Lord blessed and encouraged our EBI team that what we are doing is reaping fruit worldwide. The big picture below shows the attendees who were EBI graduates. This large group of missionaries represents one "forest" God is growing worldwide! In all this the Lord is moving us in a very good direction, building a team to train future missionaries.

We love you and thank God for each one of you. We are a team. *Todd + Sue*
Thank you for your care and support of this ministry!



Fun childcare crafts!



Our Arizona family

< EBI Fall Ladies Retreat