

An Update from the Fords! May, 2024

We wanted to give you a quick update on how our “tour” went a few weeks ago, how in love we are with our newest granddaughter and how you can continue to pray with us for the summer ministry.

Our whirlwind tour for camp: Jon had the opportunity to speak to 2 college groups as well as preach on a Sunday morning to a member church, we visited 5 college campuses (Indiana Wesleyan, Boyce, Union, Moody and Cornerstone) in 5 different states and enjoyed some good conversations with former staff and some of their friends but waiting to see what “fruit” the Lord will bring from our time. 2700 miles was a lot of sitting.

Samuel tagged along with us and attended a preview day at Boyce College, and we also spent some time with Natalie and Jonathan, who are expecting their first child this August! They’ve decided to go “old school” and wait to see if we’ll add another girl or have our first grandson. 😊

Talia Grace arrived April 7th at 10:30 am – 9 lbs. and 20” with beautiful dark hair. Eleanor and Abigail enjoy holding her and checking her out when she lets them! Thankfully, Katie is recovering well and Luke is enjoying a houseful of girls!

We have started putting in “summer” hours already – preparing for teaching workshop sessions, leading devotionals in Psalms this summer, interviewing some summer staff, ordering items for the Trading Post and setting the space up (we managed to get it painted and do some rearranging in March), while also continuing a weekly Bible study with seasonals and having them over for Tuesday lunches, catching a few of Samuel’s golf matches and preparing for spring retreats. Now that May is arriving...preparing for our last HS graduate! His open house is May 5 from 2-4 here at Barakel and graduation is 5/24/24 the weekend of Memorial Day Family Camp.

Pray with us:

*For the Lord to move in the hearts of young adults to serve here at Barakel this summer

*For managing our time well to prepare for the next season of ministry, to be present for Samuel’s senior days, to take time to meditate on God’s Word and get the rest we need.

*We are beginning to look for a good used car for Samuel to take to college. Pray for us as we look, as you know they are not cheap.

Serving at Barakel,

Jon and Stacy

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