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Serving with Josh McDowell Ministry



Family Update

Nick is busy trying to get up to speed quickly to meet the needs of his new job. He is meeting with people across different ministries and from around the world. This work is so important that he needs to make sure a solid foundation is laid.

Lisa is now the Special Projects Coordinator at JMM. This is a cross department position, which means she will be working with staff from multiple departments. She is excited about this new opportunity and is already working on two different events scheduled in the coming months.

Katie is beginning the application process for jobs in north Texas. Next May she will complete her residency and be officially Dr. Katherine Alsop. She would like to specialize, however, and is also looking at requirements for that.

Emily is halfway through her semester of study abroad. She is really enjoying her studies; although, seeing up close the effects of war on a culture and economy has been difficult for her.

Gratitude is a choice we make despite our circumstances.

When it seems like everything is going wrong: cars break down, systems seem to go haywire in your new house, sickness strikes and on and on, sometimes discouragement can creep in and make you question why its all happening. That has been our story these last few weeks. Even though we can clearly see God's hand on our lives, circumstances have seemed overwhelmingly stressful. SO, we have made a conscious decision to be *grateful* for what we have and focus on the incredible promises of God and not the circumstances we see. In HIM alone is our TRUTH.

Travel Plans

November

We will miss having Emily with us for the holiday but are happy Katie will be home for two days.

December

Nick will be in Ireland to visit the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin. He will pick up Emily during his travels.

January

We will be in Oklahoma in meetings with an apologetics institute at OWU.



What have we been up to this month?

We had been asked to report to our new positions in time to attend the bi-annual ministry retreat at Camp Copass in Denton, TX on October 9-11. This is the time when the entire staff from across the country come together to pray, bond and set plans and goals for the year.

Joining the staff retreat team

Lisa's first task at the ministry was to join the team assigned to help plan the retreat. With just a few weeks until the event she discovered that little had been planned except the location and schedule. With typical efficiency she jumped in and planned the food and decorations for the event that took place only six weeks after our move.

Catching up with Josh McDowell

One of the best parts of the retreat for us was the chance to have lunch with Josh and catch up with his activities and vision for the year to come. We also got the talk through his vision for the curriculum department. And, of course, he and Nick took some time to discuss ancient manuscript discoveries and translation, which is a passion they share.

Teaching communication skills

After the team building activity on the first day of the retreat Josh announced to the entire gathered team that Lisa would be teaching a series of seminars on communication and presentation skills to the staff during the next year. Lisa was shocked by this announcement since no one had told her about this yet!

Meeting the entire team

It was a great opportunity for us to meet the entire team since we will both be working with them in our separate capacities within the ministry. Nick got a chance to play several games of Settlers of Catan, which is apparently a new bonding ritual that men use to get to know each other. Lisa got the chance to do what she loves to do....

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