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Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)

We have had a busy couple of months, though some of our busyness has been a bit different than our norm. We started off the month of May in our normal way, continuing with several MeetUp studies per week. However, we then began to deviate...

Justin and his family were gone for much of the month of May. He was able to travel back east and visit with family and friends. He also was able to perform the wedding ceremony for his sister-in-law while visiting in New York.

While we normally work hard to make sure that we are not out of town at the same time, it was impossible to avoid a short overlap at the end of May. Cynthia's grandfather, O.C. Birdwell, passed away on May 23rd. We were able to fly Cynthia to Alabama for the funeral, and rather than having her fly back just to drive down a few days later, we decided to extend our trip. The kids and I were able to drive to Alabama a few days later, after Sunday worship. While staying in Alabama, I had the opportunity to speak for the Confluence church of Christ in Rogersville, AL. After resting up and visiting with the family before they needed to head home, we drove to West Virginia to visit with my side of the family. On the way, we were able to visit with Eastside church of Christ in Bowling Green, KY, who support us in the work here. We spent a few days with my parents, during which time we got to visit with much of our family and friends in that area. I also had the opportunity to speak for the Westside church of Christ in Coraopolis, PA, during our stay there.

While staying in West Virginia, we were able to travel to Cleveland, OH, to visit with our friends, Peni Teel (and her family), while they awaited the heart

surgery of Wayne Teel. Wayne and Peni worked with us in Charleston, WV, and are very dear friends. They were very important to us as we were busy about our first work. They helped us along the way of learning to do the work, and were very supportive of us as we struggled through difficult times in that work. I am thankful that we were able to be there for the surgery, and even more thankful that the surgery was a success. We were able to later visit Wayne in Birmingham, AL, and see that he was making good progress in his recovery. It will be a long road, but we continue to pray for his healing.

We also were able to visit with my uncle, Ray Hall, who underwent serious surgery for cancer while we were traveling up to West Virginia. We arrived too late for the surgery itself, but we were able to visit with some of our family who we had not seen for a long time. We were able to drive to Morgantown a couple of days later to see Ray, and visit for a few minutes. Ray has been having a difficult time with the recovery from his surgery. Please remember him in your prayers as well.

Both of these men are godly men, and very dear to us as friends and as examples in the Lord. While it is difficult to see them in such trying times, we trust the Lord to provide what they need!

While traveling, we also learned that our dear friends, Amy and Jeremy Drake (in Huntington) lost their baby very late in their pregnancy. Andrew Harrison was stillborn on the first of June. Understandably, this has been very difficult on their precious family. Please keep them (along with their daughters, Gracie and Savannah) in your prayers.

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Sunday: 9

Wednesday: 7

After leaving the Pittsburgh area, we were able to spend a couple of days with the brethren in Huntington. We are always thankful for time spent with the brethren there! We were able to worship with them once again, and I had the opportunity to speak for them. A lot has changed in the two years since we left that work, and we were excited to see their growth and that they are doing well. They have moved into a new facility in a good location, and we are hopeful that will lead to even more opportunity for their growth!

We spent the last week of our time away taking our kids to a camp in Alabama. We would, under normal circumstances, have just come home earlier than planned, since we left earlier than planned. However, we feel that it is important for our kids to have this one week in the summer where they spend time with the children of other Christians. We are so isolated here that we determined before we moved that we would do all that we could to give our kids this one week to spend with their friends. While we regret being gone for longer than expected, the good influence that they have by being with other like minded families is very important. We also need, and enjoy the time with other Christians during the week! Many good friends plan to be at the same camp so that we can spend time together and encourage one another.

Due to extra driving, our trip this summer covered just over 7000 miles. We were able to visit with several churches (also

including Westview and Pepper Road in Athens, Alabama) that support us in the work here, which was increased because of the extra time away. There are still a few that we missed, that we hope to be able to visit with in the next couple of years! We are so thankful for all that have a financial part of our work here, but it is very difficult to make arrangements to get around to visit with everyone!

We are looking forward to getting back to a more regular schedule now. We'll be back to holding several studies a week, and hope that some of the contacts we continue to develop will be willing to start coming and studying with us in a more "in depth" way. We have also been involved in a couple of newer endeavors that we hope will help us to make more contacts in the community. I have started volunteering for 4-H, taking over the photography project for our county. We have the fair coming up shortly, and I hope to be able to help the kids, and their families with their projects through this big event. We have also been organizing a softball game for homeschooling families. That, of course, has been put on hold while we have been out of town, but now that we are back (as soon as we are a bit more rested) we will hope to get back to this. We hope that these efforts will help us get out into the community more, and open the door for more contacts!

With the coming of the summer tourist season, we have had a lot of visitors in our assemblies. Because we are close to Yellowstone National Park, we have begun to have many Christians who are traveling for vacation come and visit with us. We are glad to have the visitors, especially when some of us are out of town. We were thankful that Justin and Laura had visitors every week while we were traveling! It is evident that news of our work here is getting around, as we are getting many more visitors this year than last. These visitors are a huge encouragement to us!

Thank you for your continued interest and support of our work. It is hard to believe that we have reached the two year mark already! Sometimes it feels like we make one step forward, and then take two back. However, your encouragement helps us continue forward. Please continue to pray for our efforts here!