



# What a year!

Our family was finishing up some services this fall in Owenton, Kentucky at Hesler Assembly of God. It was so nice seeing so many from our first pastorate. Our good friend, Joan Power, sent me home with a pecan pie that would make you yodel! I was scheduled to go to our first journey into Costa Rica and back to Israel later this fall when "He maketh me to lie down" came in full force! Coming back home from Kentucky I was having severe abdominal pain, drank a ginger ale, and burped through, thinking nothing else about it. We stopped at the St. Louis Arch, had lunch, and seemed fine. By Wednesday night, I was in a lot of pain. Thursday I went for an ultrasound, they seemed confident the pain was from my gallbladder. "No stones or sludge," so I thought, "I'll go home & do a cleanse." Bad move. By Thursday night I was wallerin' all over the ER waiting room floor, puking, and trying to keep my cool. They admitted me & what was supposed to be a 1-hour surgery took almost 4, the surgeon said my gallbladder had died and was falling apart as they were trying to take it out. I was given a drainage tube and told 8 weeks of recovery. Praise God, I am feeling much better! And if all goes to plan, I will be working in Israel in January, we covet your prayers!



Photos L-R Top Row: With friends at Hesler, Ministering in song, Cody Dunn!, At the St. Louis Arch

Photos L-R Bottom Row: In the hospital, Post-surgery, Before surgery, Pastor Curt & Kim Smith, Background: Beechwood A/G

### Mazal Toy!

It's been a busy season, not only did I have gallbladder surgery, but our firstborn, Josiah, married the love of his life. His bride, Lynzi Moore, is beautiful inside and out and has been such a gift to our family. Josiah and Lynzi first met as kids at School of Missions when we were first starting our missions journey, they were only 5 and 4 years old. Lynzi's parents, Ryan and Laci Moore, are a part of Builders International, an organization that builds churches, schools, and orphanages overseas, and such a blessing to the Kingdom!

## Crossed Paths

How fun, to find we had an old photo of Josiah and Lynzi together at a retreat. Little did we know that the cutest little girl with braids would be our future daughter-in-law. It's amazing to see how the Lord orders our steps and his provision in a wife for our son. Lynzi is a jewel and we're so thankful at the goodness of God in not only providing a bride for our son, but a sister to our three girls. Watching the two of them begin their journey together has been one of life's sweetest blessings!



## Fruit in Germany

A few weeks after my Germany trip this past summer, I was contacted by my dear friend & pastor, Leonid. He informed me that one of the girls, Ruth, that attended the family camp I preached at gave her life to Messiah because of attending

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our services. Ruth wanted to have a mikveh (baptism) back at the lake at the camp where she encountered Him. Several went back with her and Leonid dunked her right into the Kingdom of our God!

Photos top down: Campers return, Leonid and Ruth in the lake.



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We continue to water and sow online via Zoom in Ukraine for Shabbat services. Averaging 50-70 families that attend online each week. Also, we have been able to help several impoverished and disabled Jewish families who are desperate for medicines and wood for winter. Thank you for helping us take care of the least of these.

Photos L-R: Jewish family receives wood for the winter, elderly Jewish woman receives and for her many adments.