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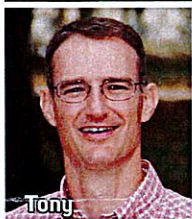
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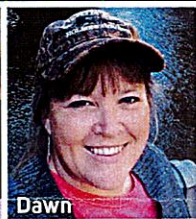
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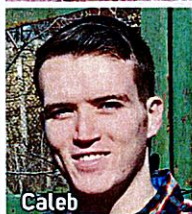
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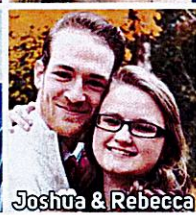
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Thank you, thank you, thank you - each of you who has prayed for us and supported these works that our sweet Lord has given to the Hess family. This past Sunday we baptized Steven, a guy in his 20's who first visited five weeks ago or so. He invited me over to his house with a list of questions and we worked through them and shared the Gospel. By the third visit and a month of services, he speaks to me about his desire to follow the Lord in Believer's Baptism. I reconfirmed again his salvation, since he is very new to me and the church. I reconfirmed that HE WAS SAVED, trusting in the blood of the Lamb as personal Savior. He is now one of our most blooming disciples in the church and still ...with LOTS of questions!©

Three weeks before Steven, we baptized a young man that I was able to go to his house and help him get assurance of his salvation. Dustin is the youngest member of his family, but we pray - not the last one to get saved...still praying for his dad, Tim.

We just finished VBS and had 12 first time kids from the neighborhood who have been coming back to church...nearly EVERY TIME the doors are open, or whenever I'm mowing or just about ANYTIME we show up at the church. The kids ride their bikes down the road to see us - I love it! They are a bunch of sweeties!! One of those young people, Ashjeme (no type-o), made a profession of faith during that week. GOD IS GOOD!

God is working here: Visitors nearly every Sunday. Six visitors this past Sunday. And on it goes with GREAT THINGS going on up here in NW PENNSYLVANIA. God is good and He is using His servants here! Most of you know it already, but THERE IS NO GREATER JOY than to know that God is using you and your life is making a TRUE difference! Now...*getting here was not easy and at times I didn't want to go along on THIS JOURNEY.* But truly "GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU (US), THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD." Does that apply to us right now? Yes, because we must practice His presence and when challenges arise and strength is insufficient - we try to remember that JESUS, *the Great One*, lives right here! How else would we get through?

The final week of June was our FINALE, finishing up our Youth Class (Timothy Class) over in Crimea. We all look forward to the meeting all year and it's a major highlight on the calendar. I so praise the Lord for the team of leaders and servant-hearted folks who continue to "stay by the stuff" at LifeWay Baptist Church in Crimea, and I still get to see them three or four times each week through our online ministry. It stretches me a bit, but God is good to strengthen and gives LOTS of grace. Indeed, I am probably busier than I have ever been in my life, but since Jesus is coming soon (don't you think HE is) - It just means that we have little time to do what He's called/privileged us to do for Him.

This letter needed to get to you much earlier. I sincerely apologize for that and hope you can forgive me. Pray for us here (in Wattsburg). This restart is going well in numbers, but WE NEED MEN TO SURRENDER AND STEP UP in ministry. So pray God will raise up surrendered servants for HIS WORK here and over in Crimea. THIS IS MY MAJOR PRAYER, as well as, that God will give us much wisdom and help in following up on these little ones who are now coming to the church and at times, LESS THAN ORTHODOX in church - they simply don't know how to behave in church and need much teaching. The next D.L. Moody may be among them - SO PRAY FOR US!!! and them!!

My health is still good, although I definitely don't have the stamina that I used to have before "Aplastic Anemia." No worries, Jesus knows all about it and HE'S GOT IT UNDER CONTROL.

Let's just remember to "Trust and Obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey." And all God's people said...Amen!

One more prayer request for each of you PRAYING FOLKS - As many of you know, we continue our online ministry with Баптистская Церковь Пути Жизни (LifeWay Baptist Church) until they have a national pastor {a major prayer request as well} and that involves our Friday Timothy Class. I produce the curriculum for the class (something we've done for eight years now) and although I can speak in Russian, my translation and grammar skills are "less than professional" - soooo we hire someone to translate the book that I write/edit. This is what I usually do in the summer before we kick off each fall.

Last year's translation alone cost over \$1500 - yes, expensive! God has raised up a young Russian student from PCC who helped us last year and offered to help again. It helps with her college bill and IS A GREAT BLESSING TO ME - saving me MUCH TIME and Russian headaches! Some of you have asked how you can help in our ministry or if we need anything to just "give a holler" and this is an excellent way. Please pray for the funds for this VITAL ministry to come in soon and GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU DESIRING TO PITCH IN. My words fail to express our deep love and appreciation for SUCH A WONDERFUL team of SUPPORTERS, fellow-laborers, PRAYER PARTNERS!!

Love y'all,

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