

"FOCUSING ON THE FUNDAMENTALS"

C.S. Lewis once said: "Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done." This is such a vitally important yet often neglected aspect of our Christian life. Waking from sleep may be considered a given, but waking to reality is not. With the freshness of a new day comes the desperate need to remind ourselves of the same old truths. We are prone to wander and have to submit ourselves all over again to God's daily process of sanctification in our lives. "Lord, I surrender" must be the three words we roll out of bed proclaiming every morning. This is the lesson that our family is learning! We want in our news letters to not only share news of what God is doing through us but also to share with you what God is doing in us. Pastor Jason Gaddis always reminded us in college that "Who is >Where." It doesn't make sense to pray about God's will tomorrow if we are ignoring his will today. We share all of to say that God is continuing to shape the "Who" in the church planting process in El Paso. We are doing our very best to surrender and to enjoy the process God has us in because we know that every product has a process.

The last several weeks have had their share of wonderful times and stretching times for our family. The current trip we are completing has been the longest one for us on the road. Having a newborn on the road has definitely been different to say the least, but God has been so good and given us his grace to continue to move forward with the last few meetings. Our family has had such a wonderful time being in several Missions Conferences on the east coast. One of the many blessings has been to watch how God is giving pastors and churches in the northeast a burden for the city of El Paso which is almost 2,000 miles away from where they are ministering. It's been amazing and refreshing to watch God work!

The clock is ticking for our family as we approach some very special times. On December 13th our family will be officially ordained and sent out as church planters from Arden Road Baptist Church to the city of El Paso, Texas. So thankful for the men (Aaron Denson, Todd Lasseter, Cambrin Collins, Joe Dickinson, and Tyler Prater) that are going to be a part of that service and how each of them have spiritually mentored me at different times in my life. Grateful we get to have this special time together as a church family. I'm overwhelmed that God gave our family the opportunity to serve and be sent out of this wonderful church.

It seems like yesterday we were typing that we had 70 meetings left. As I type this current letter, we have only three remaining. Please pray for our family as we wrap up the last fews meetings on the road and prepare to do what God has been equipping us to do. Pray that we will have God's mindset as we plan for the opening months of personal and community outreach. It may sound weird to say, but pray that we will pray about everything not just plan everything. With all that is at our fingertips in our culture it's easy to do what we do without God and without prayer. Yet we know that any spiritual impact will only happen when we pray. So, let's pray together. Excited to take the next step to "Sun City"!

Prayer Requests:



Pray for Wisdom as we continue to ponder over the core values and vision of the



Pray for our family's safety on the road. We have 3 final meetings!



Continue praying that we can find an affordable yet quality meeting location for our first services.