



January-February Prayer Letter

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Goals: Evangelism Discipleship Church Planting

Go ye therefore,
and teach all nations,
baptizing them
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost:
teaching them to observe
all things whatsoever
I have commanded you
Matthew 28:19,20

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In my last prayer letter, I mentioned certain cliché sayings. In this grammar lesson, uh...I mean prayer letter, we will cover trite expressions. These are similar to clichés as they are expressions which someone might use so often that the words lose their power or sincerity.

Alyssa and I will repeat many things as we go from church to church. For example, many people thank us for coming to their church, and our repeated response is that we enjoy being there or that it is a privilege to be there. Although we have said this over one hundred times throughout furlough, it still has not become trite for us. We truly appreciate seeing how the Lord is using each church in his plan of world evangelism and meeting the families which so faithfully pray for us.

This leads me to address another thing we hear often in churches. Many people will preface their question with, "I am sure you have been asked this a hundred times, but..." It makes me think that there are probably many people who don't ask the questions because they don't want to be a bother to the missionary by asking for the 101st time. I can't speak for every missionary, but I think I can speak for most when I tell you that we want you to ask that question. We want you to come up and talk to us as we want you to catch the passion that God has given us.

I could liken it to you talking about something you enjoy. If you are a sports fan, you enjoy giving your opinion about your team to your friends at church, your co-workers, or even the random person at the gas station who strikes up a conversation because you are wearing the team gear. You don't get tired of talking about your hobbies and we don't get tired of talking about missions so the next time you have a missionary in your church, go and have that conversation.

We have enjoyed the many conversations and many different meetings during these first two months of the year. There were some challenges such as cancellations from snow and a couple different sicknesses going through our family, but there were also some added blessings. We praise the Lord for the generosity of a couple supporting churches as they gave toward the upcoming construction projects. With the \$7,000 given this month, we have enough to start the first phase when we return and get all the necessary permits.

Please continue to pray for us we travel these next two months and that we would be able to stay healthy with our busy schedule. We appreciate your faithful prayers and support.

-Josh, Alyssa, Adelynn, and Judah Clay

