

Halk Talk

3rd Quarter
November 2020



2 Corinthians 4:5-6 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Dear Friends and Family,

We've have had many things happen since our last update. In June, we had talked about the possibility of going back to Alaska for our commissioning service. We were unsure, due to Covid-19 restrictions, how this would look. God provided in many different ways for us to go to Alaska in July!! First, we were able to obtain great (unheard of for summer) prices on flights. Second, our sending church had a vehicle, and housing for our time of quarantine available to us. Third, we had family camp with our church and at the end of family camp we had our commissioning service. Dimond Blvd Baptist Church was such an encouragement to us and it was so nice to see our friends/family that we haven't seen since we left in 2016. We were also able to report in 2 other churches while we were there. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with so many of the people that we love and miss. Praise be to God for the time that He arranged for us to have in Alaska.

In August, when we returned home we saw that we were at 95%! Jon gave notice at his job and we started packing the barrels that we were sending to Africa. We had less than 2 weeks to be packed and out of our home as we also gave notice to our landlord that we would no longer be living there as of September 1st. We packed, unpacked, and packed again the barrels to try and pack as much as we could in the barrels we had. It was one of the most stressful things we have ever done! 8 of our barrels are currently in the Atlantic on their way to Zambia! We then moved our clothes, suitcase and things going on the plane with us to Clarinda's parents home.

In September, we headed towards

Florida. Christopher had his 9 month appointment with his doctor so we had a stop in Orrville, again. Then on down to Florida to spend time with Jon's mom and step-dad. Since our support was close to a 100% this may be our final see-ya later for a while. We had a meeting while we were down there in Starke, Fl. It was a wonderful time of fellowship. We were able to purchase a vehicle in Zambia with the help and advice of some fellow missionary friends there. We also have looked at a possible place to sublet once we are in country.

In October, we headed to North Carolina for our training that Baptist Mid-Missions wanted us to do before going to Zambia. We were able to learn some team building skills that will help us once we were on the field. Also, some things to help as we adjust to Zambian culture. Our boys were all in classes as well. They learned about Third Culture Kids and different Bible men and women that were TCK (Daniel, Moses, Joseph, Esther to name a few). The boys enjoyed their time at CIT and were able to relate to a TCK. Josh was an amazing encouragement to our oldest two. While at CIT we saw that we had reached 100%!! Imagine our surprise!!

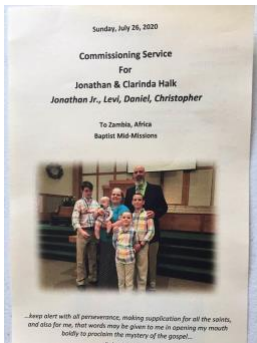
Now that November is here, BMM cleans up our accounts and removes supporters that have told them they will no longer support us or who haven't sent in payment for a couple of months. As of right now we are at 93%. We had 2 meeting schedule that we will be doing this month. Please continue to pray with us that this last 7% will come in. We know that this is in the Lord's hands and in His time. We are resting in this knowledge and plugging on with packing plans.

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We are praying our next letter will be one that is being written either as we are getting ready to head out or on Zambian soil.

In His Service,
Jonathan, Clarinda, Jonathan Jr.,
Levi, Daniel, and Christopher Halk



Praise Report

- Trip to Alaska for Commissioning Service and time with so many friends and family
- Packing and moving that has been done.
- The vehicle that God has provided for us.
- A possible house to rent once we are in country.
- Training time at CIT
- Safety on the roads as our vehicle stateside has over 260,000 miles.

Prayer Requests

- Remaining support to come in
- We have one other meeting scheduled for November. Pray that we will be able to schedule more.
- Remaining packing for our move to Zambia
- For all of us as we say our final see-ya laters to family and friends.