



Closing a Chapter

This January we attended our last deputation meeting. As we sat in the church service, watched our video presentation, and shared testimonies of our Salvation and God's call on our lives, the reality of being at the last scheduled meeting was surreal. Over the past 18 months we have experienced some of the most amazing blessings, greatest answers to prayer, biggest difficulties, and multiple seasons of victory and discouragement. To contain all that our hearts feel about the wonderful adventure we just completed, we would require way more than one newsletter and a few moments of your time! For those who have followed us and prayed for us during these months, you know that we travelled over 85,000 miles; slept in a different bed weekly, almost nightly; stayed in countless homes, hotels, and prophet's chambers; ate at more fast-food and restaurant places than we wish to recall; drank more coffee than you know is good for anyone; and documented each step of the way by taking, literally, several thousand pictures! In the hustle-and-bustle craziness, we were able to grow spiritually—individually and as a couple. God used people in each state to be a blessing; whether we stayed the night with them, presented at their church, or just met them at a gas station. For all of the ups, the downs, and the in-between, we give God all the GLORY for doing “exceeding, abundantly, above all” that we ever imagined our deputation journey would entail.

Jared's Ordination

On the 14th of January we had the wonderful privilege of seeing Jared ordained into the ministry! We had 27 out-of-town family and friends there to celebrate this momentous occasion in Jared's life. He received a beautiful, framed certificate signed by the 8 men on his ordination counsel and a Bible from Pastor Sexton. After the service, we all enjoyed a time of fellowship at a local restaurant. What a special, unforgettable night! We would like to say a special “thank you” to the Black family (from one of our supporting church's) and the Wiley family (pastor of a supporting church) for driving down to celebrate with us— what a blessing!

Waiting on the Lord

By God's miraculous power we are now ready to apply for our visas. God has perfect timing and, though we would love to be purchasing our plane tickets, we trust that He knows best. As our Pastor says, “**you never waste time waiting on God!**” We are currently waiting on a specific, VERY NEEDED, document to be processed in the United Kingdom before we can apply for our visas. **Please pray that this documentation gets cleared quickly**, if the Lord wills. Once cleared, we will begin our Visa process and plan an arrival date in the UK. Until we leave (which will, Lord-willing, be soon!!), we are currently staying in Knoxville, TN, and are enjoying being able to attend and serving at our home church again!

“See You Later”

We said “see you later” to many dear friends at our families' churches. Each one was different, but sweet. We had times of prayer and fellowship at each— which was very special. As we have said before, we are thankful and blessed to have so many precious people to miss!

Moving Right Along

All of our belongings (24 containers) have not only been packed, but also labeled, zip-tied, loaded onto a U-Haul, driven down to Powell, TN, unloaded at The Crown College, and are nestled safely awaiting their further movement onto a shipping container! This whole ordeal was quite thrilling (and a wee bit hectic)!

Redeem the Time

“Redeem the Time” each day, my friend,
There is so much to do.
To make your one life count for God,
the choice is up to you.

You must awaken to the need
to truly live for God this day,
For life is short, it is “but a vapour,”
thus, do not delay.

You must be aware of your daily tasks,
and the choices that you make.
Each word you say or deed you do
may put your “light” at stake.

You must take the action needed
to make a difference in this world.
God’s work advances through His church
who takes Him at His Word.

No matter what you do,
you can be sure Satan will tempt you still,
That is why you must assure yourself
that you are in God’s will.

“Reddeem the Time” each day, my friend,
It is God’s call to you,
“Redeem the Time,” **today**, my friend,
There is so much more to do!

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God has allowed us this one opportunity to, not only live in the light of His grace, but to be a light that guides others to receiving that wondrous grace as well. We do not know how long we have on this earth, we do not know what impact our lives will make on generations to come; we do not need to know. We must simply choose to “redeem the time” right now— in this moment, with these breaths, with what is left of the journey we are on called “life.” God wants to use us; He wants to use YOU. But are we willing to lay aside our own desires, our own ambitions, our own comfortability and loose our lives completely in His? Are we willing to “redeem the time” before there is no longer time to be redeemed? Dear friends, make the most of your life for God. Only then will you, like missionary William Borden, be able to write of your life: “No reserves. No retreats. No regrets.” Adding to his list one final thing: **only redeeming.**

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