

August 23, 2024

Dear Teammate,

Our son Luke & Leigha, Jack, Ethan, and Grace just moved back to the U.S. on May 2 after 14 years in rural Indonesia. They temporarily lived with our daughter Rachel & Joel for 3 months in their transition back to the US. **God has been so faithful to them!!** He has provided jobs for both of them-- Leigha as the Global Missions Director at Church of the Savior in Wayne, PA and Luke as a Middle School Student Support Services Faculty at Delaware County Christian School. House hunting on a modest budget was a challenge, but the Lord provided a duplex in Lansdowne, PA, outside Philadelphia. As you can imagine, we have visited numerous times. This summer we were also busy serving as coaches for Cru Epic interns as they raised support.



This weekend we will welcome a new class of freshmen! On August 26 the Fall semester at Penn State begins! Our goal at the beginning of each year is to meet new students, help them connect with students in our fellowship, and ultimately help them come to know Jesus and grow into faithful disciple makers. The first month is so important because this is when new students make friends and decide which path in life they will take. We have lots of activities to gather students the first weeks. **Please pray for:**

- **August 25 - Welcome Dinner**
- **August 26 - Servant Team with our student leaders. First day of classes!**
- **August 28 - A Welcome Social in the student union**
- **August 30 - Our first large group meeting (Bible teaching & worship)**
- **September 1 - Small Group Leaders Brunch at our house**

We couldn't do what we do without your prayers & giving! We are so grateful to you!
Please pray for Luke, Leigha, Jack, Ethan, and Grace as they adjust to living in the U.S. This is a challenging time, especially for our grandchildren. Because they were homeschooled, they never attended a large school with other children. We know God will continue to be faithful to them all.

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Dear praying friends.

One other important prayer request: Please pray for our son Josh's precious wife Brooke. She has a **tumor growing in her little finger**, which she noticed several months ago. After several appointments and an MRI, she's been diagnosed with **Tenosynovial giant cell tumor**. Not cancer but it spreads. It's compromised the bone and tendons, so surgery would be too complicated. If she does nothing, it could lead to amputation of the finger. It's already spread into her palm. Only 45 people in a million have this, so we are thankful there is a drug (pexidartinib) for it (since 2019). It's a pretty toxic medication that can cause liver problems among other things. Brooke is seeing a doctor at Sloan Kettering Cancer center in NYC, so she's in good hands.

She will begin the medication the week of September 9 and will have to take it for months, maybe years. She'll have to go into Manhattan once a week for blood tests to make sure that her liver is functioning. (They live in Jersey City). Pray the medication quickly shrinks the tumor and that she has no side effects. Pray Brooke experiences comfort, encouragement, and healing from the Lord. Pray the Lord gives her and Josh strength to care for their 3 young children (9 months, 4 years, and 7 years) on top of this condition.

Thank you so much for praying!

In Jesus' love,
John and Sandy Mackin