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*“Mobilizing Families
For God’s Kingdom Worldwide”*



Greetings friends and co-laborers,

You are the dear ones who hold the ropes for us to minister! As Thanksgiving once again draws near, we are finding ourselves exceedingly grateful to the Lord for so many things!

And near the top of our list is all of you . . . how we wish we could visit with each of you and tell you personally how blessed we are to have your continued love, prayers and support. And we are particularly grateful that most of you have stayed with us in the transition this past year into the launching of a new ministry targeting families! As a small token of our appreciation for you, we have enclosed a bookmark produced by "Revive Our Hearts" ministry which reminds us of our priority whether we are children, parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents or great-grandparents to leave a godly legacy. We hope you enjoy it!



Abigail Renee Beall - born October 4, 2006
Abigail means “Joy of the Father”
Renee means “Born Again”



Another huge highlight for us is our gratefulness to God for our first-born son and daughter-in-love, who have taken the torch, and

are seeking to pass on a godly legacy, beginning with their first born blessing, Abigail Renee. They have been reading scriptures to Abbi from before she was even born. We are loving being grandparents, and being close enough to hold our grandbaby often. ☺



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We are also amazed and grateful for being in our new house almost a year now! It continues to be "God's house." And God is continuing to bring us our way for our home. Plans for a Father-Daughter Dinner are underway, where fathers will prepare letters of vision and blessing to their daughters, using something similar to the ideas in "Letters from Dad" at www.lettersfromdad.com. We are also looking forward to family coming in for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and hosting caroling parties to share the gospel in our new neighborhood in December. A lot has happened since last fall when we were unsure if we would even end up moving at all!

We are grateful for how the Lord is moving His ministry forward in our lives! The combination of an article written by Sarah and Bernie that was published in a national Christian magazine, as well as traveling to several conferences and distributing about 100 recorded CD's of Bernie's talk on "Family Missions" has surfaced an amazing amount of families! These families want to either host an international family visiting America, or go as a family to another culture to teach and share the Gospel mandate of family discipleship. We are needing prayer as we try to keep up with these many new contacts, hoping soon to set up an online database to manage things.

Some closing thoughts . . . Amazingly, as we traveled and shared our story, some have said, "You have the perfect model family" or "Josh and Kerin's story is like a fairytale to me, that could never be true for us." We realized as Bernie speaks he needs to make sure he communicates that, as those who know us better realize, we are just struggling pilgrims, with many trials and heartaches, who continue to serve, cry out to and seek to humble ourselves before an AMAZING GOD! Anything good you see in us, is not from our own efforts, it is because in our weakness, our dependency, God showed up and did so much more than we ever could have as He has broken us and humbled us. That is our message! God is the one who is amazing . . . and because He is perfectly consistent, He can be amazing in the lives of **any** humble broken vessel. Praise and glory to His powerful and matchless name!!!! So if you are feeling broken and discouraged, keep yourself and your life on that sacrificial altar before the Lord, like Isaac, the son of the promise. Be willing to give up your life, your plans, your dreams for His sake, and see the wonder of redemption God can and will work in you, your family and your future generations, to ultimately glorify God Himself!

We love you!!!

Grandmomma Linda for the Bealls

P.S. Bernie read a devotional from Charles H. Spurgeon to us today that is right along these same lines. Here is the Bible verse and several selected sentences of Spurgeon's thoughts:

"For my strength is made perfect in weakness." (II Corinthians 12:9)

"A primary qualification for serving God with any amount of success, and for doing God's work well and triumphantly, is a sense of our own weakness. . . . Those who serve God must serve Him in His own way, and in His strength, or He will never accept their service. . . . Are you mourning over your own weakness? Take courage, for there must be a consciousness of weakness before the Lord will give thee victory. Your emptiness is but the preparation for your being filled, and your casting down is but the making ready for your lifting up."