

## Thanks For Praying Us Through The Summer!

In addition to our primary ministry of leading worship, preaching, counseling, and praying, we made time to:

- **record** a Christmas music album – Kansan Celts style,
- **conduct Vacation Bible Schools** and preach in northern **Belize** to help missionary friends with church development,
- **send** Paula and three of our daughters on a “womanhood” trip,
- **finish teaching** a Biblical Hebrew class for the community, a membership class for our church, and a Biblical Languages seminar for local pastors who have not had seminary training,
- **endure** another round of COVID, as well as a nasty week of depression for Nate, triggered by a mold-remediation process,
- **host** eight sets of overnight guests, plus the usual plethora of dinner guests,
- **say** goodbye to several families in our church (each for different reasons, but so many at once was emotionally difficult), and say hello to a couple of new families,
- **teach** two childbirth classes and support our daughter Irene through her second birth,
- **deal with repairs** from three car accidents (Praise God there were no personal injuries, but the family car sustained body damage, a deer met its demise, and our mower has been in the shop for a few weeks after being hit by a drunk driver!),
- and **plan** for the fall semester. We are excited about:
  - starting annual church retreats back up this month after a couple of years off,
  - starting a men’s ministry group back up after a year off,
  - baptizing 2 new believers and baptizing/dedicating 4 new babies in our church (yep, two of them are our grands!),
  - starting our daughter Hope’s senior year in high school,
  - and going on our annual family vacation to Colorado!



Hope, Nate, & Lillian with teammates Grace & Andy at Altun Ha Mayan ruins in Belize.



Leading singing at VBS in Belize.



Nate preaching with interpreter.

## Kansan Celts Christmas Coming Soon!



LEFT: Peter behind his dulcimer and drum with Nate at the recording deck in the bedroom studio. CENTER: Nate & Hope jamming on guitar and mandolin. RIGHT: Grand-children being babysat during recording sessions. Look for the new Kansan Celts Christmas album on music-streaming platforms starting this Thanksgiving!



Hope, Paula, Betsy, and Alétheia on Betsy’s thirteenth-birthday womanhood trip!



**LEFT: Our 5 kids-at-home weeding the garden, CENTER: My girls showing off their muscles after installing laminate flooring at Irene's house, and Betsy, Hope, & Alé at Point Park overlooking Chattanooga, RIGHT: Paula with Irene's newborn SaraLou!**

## Kid's Corner: Hope Victoria

¡Hola, y'all! This year I've started my senior year of high school. God provided a saxophone for Christmas, so I've started learning that. And I am going to play double bass in a full youth orchestra for the first time this year, which I'm



Hope playing with a snake in Belize.

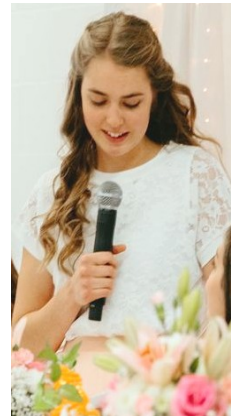
excited for, although this will be my only year in this orchestra before I age out. I've also started to teach piano lessons (currently I have one student). I enjoyed my mission trip to Belize – particularly working with the kids there! They were all very sweet, and it was interesting trying to communicate with them when they

only knew a little English and I knew very little Spanish ☺.

Mama took Aletheia, Betsy, and me to Florida when Betsy turned 13, and we had a blast! We visited friends and family on the way, then stayed at an AirBnB within walking distance of the beach! Aletheia and Betsy had never been to the ocean before, and it was my first time to swim in the ocean. So it was a new, fun experience for us all.

Please pray for me to continue growing in the Lord and to stay diligent in my last year of high school.

Auf Wiedersehen!  
(Can you tell I love languages?)



Hope, our 8<sup>th</sup>-born, was maid-of-honor at Lillian's wedding.

## Prayer Corner

- Praise God for the safe birth of SaraLou to Irene & Jacen, and pray for Lillian and Hope Dawn as they are expecting!
- Praise God for a good mission trip to Belize, and pray for God to bless the efforts of our missionary friends Ray and Michele to revitalize churches and raise up national leaders there.
- Praise God for the opportunities Nate has had to teach Biblical languages and equip other local pastors. Pray for God to provide more elders for our church and to empower our current elders to shepherd the congregation well.
- Praise God for a full summer, and pray for our children-at-home to make good progress in their schoolwork this fall, as well as for God's blessing on the Kansan Celts Christmas album, and for a refreshing family vacation this Thanksgiving.

