



ARTIOS church-leadership training that Nate helped organize **Baptizing a new believer** **Commissioning a new field worker**

Persevering through Difficulty

I (Nate) mentioned in our last letter that families in our church have been enduring some challenging situations. I thought it would be good to share about that some more. We know God is refining us and equipping us for the “good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Eph. 2:10). Please pray that we will persevere with joy and thanksgiving.

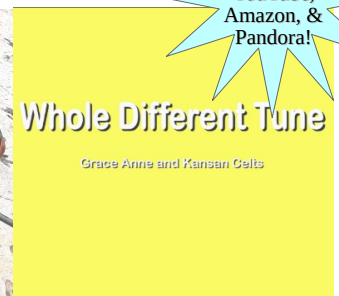
- Our daughter Grace Anne gave birth this year to a daughter with a rare genetic disease (ZNF148) which has compromised breathing and feeding. Baby Jane is still struggling to survive and thrive. Supporting our daughter’s family through their many hospitalizations has been a big focus of my household this summer. Brian & Grace Anne are trusting God in this difficult situation, but they could use our prayers! If you want to join the prayer GroupMe for Baby Jane, let us know!
- Meanwhile, a single gal with twin infants joined our church this summer. It’s been a joy to get to know her, but also an eye-opening adventure as our church works together to identify her needs and support her (for instance, her only transportation is a bicycle). Her new faith in Jesus through this challenging time has been a joy to see, though!
- Also this summer, another single gal who has been a member of our church for a long time, left home for her first 4-year term as a “field worker.” Shortly after reaching her destination country she wrote, “Honestly, I’m hot and tired all the time, the air is dusty, and I get car-sick trying to go places. There’s a rat chewing through the screen on my kitchen window, my stomach hurts... And then God speaks into those mundane moments and reminds me why I’m here: Not to save the world or even this city, but to be faithful to Him and obedient to share His words with people who are lost and lonely and without hope. And each day He shows me that His grace is sufficient ...

(2 Cor. 12:9).” Please pray for her and for her family that misses her.

- We also had an elderly couple in the church move in to their daughter’s house this year because they could no longer take care of themselves. How do you pastor someone who physically can’t go to church any more? Please pray for the elderly couple as they live with so much loss – and for their daughter and her family who are investing intensively in them.
- This month, two of our soldiers are being deployed to Europe. One of them is married with a young son. When this dad comes home in 9 months, his son won’t even recognize him. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that a soldier who goes to war will actually come home. How can our church adequately support these Army families?
- There are many other stories I could tell about trials our flock has faced this year. Personally, I have been living with excruciating back pain that comes and goes for weeks at a time and headaches that knock out my ability to carry on a conversation for hours at a time. It’s only by throwing ourselves upon God’s mercy and relying on Him, one day at a time, that we can endure these challenges and glorify and serve God in the midst of them.



Son-In-Law Brian with Baby Jane at hospital **Jane’s older siblings lived with us for 6 weeks (Nate tussling with Adelaide & William)** **We got away for a week of vacation in CO (Those are dinosaur footprints behind us!)** **We finally published Grace Anne’s solo album! [Please listen!](#)**



Kid's Corner: Jedidiah Quentin (age 12)

Since my last Kid's Corner three years ago, I finished my first read through the Bible, and now I'm working on my second! I finished with the jaw expander, so now I can eat hard candy again! And we're up to 7 nephews and 13 nieces; I still love to play with them all! I've learned to play guitar, and I am playing percussion for the family band since Peter has been out-of-town. Mama & Papa also borrowed a drum set for me, and I plan to start practicing it whenever we don't have to watch kids all day long, 'cause we've been doing that a lot over the last

couple of months. In the Bronze Manhattan Youth Orchestra, I'm the only double-bass player, so everybody knows my name, but I don't know all of theirs. For my birthday a couple years ago, I got some model rockets that shoot up into the air hundreds of feet, and this year, I built one of my own that launches with rubber bands and goes about half as high! I've also been shooting my BB gun so much this summer that I've completely poked out the bullseye in the target. Please pray for perseverance in caring for little kids.



Jed with niece

Jed's soccer team

Jed visiting brother Beni's kids

Styling by 3 older sis's

Bye-bye, Mickey!



- Keep praying for our granddaughter **Jane** and her family and also for daughter **Irene** and daughter-in-law **Jandi**, who are expecting in the spring.
- Our church-building-development team has ambitious plans for the fall; please pray that they can meet their goals and get our new church building fully functional!
- Please pray for faithful perseverance through trials for church members listed on the front, and for wisdom for the elders and deacons to care well for our congregation.
- We have been having difficulty with the balance between homeschooling and family time with our kids at home and, on the other hand, sharing ourselves with the many people who need help. Could you pray for wisdom and self-discipline for us to strike a healthy balance?
- Pray for **Jed** (see Kid's Corner).
- Pray for God to overcome our physical and emotional weariness and give us enthusiasm for ministry this fall, including restarting men's prayer group, family band performances, Reformation Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas outreaches.



Our family with church friends at a football game. (A guy whom Nate and son-in-law Jacen have been discipling was on the team.) Pray also for the guy on the far left – he's a soldier deploying overseas this month.

