

Life here is full! I'm finding some of the latest passages I've been **preaching** through in 1 Cor. particularly challenging, so that's taking extra study. In addition, we have been putting in a full day each week to replace damaged **siding** on our house from last year's hail damage. Only 3 more weeks left! And Paula's 10-yr-old **nephew** has come to visit for a month, which means extra thought and effort on our part.

God provided a surprising answer to prayer regarding the TentMaker Project **database**. I've finally decided that the organization does not need a database after all but can do fine with the relationship-oriented structure it has been using. I'm still dabbling in other foreign mission projects, too – the latest is finding Christian homes and schools that might be **willing to host high school students from China** for a summer or a school year. Or, if that's too big a commitment, our liaison in China can also facilitate **pen-pals**. **Interested? Let me know!**

Family life is rich, too – I never imagined what a marvel it is to have teenagers! We play music at our neighborhood lawn parties on Saturdays, sing hymns in 4-part-harmony during family devotions, fix things around the house together, cook together (Paula only does about half the cooking now), enjoy fabulous discussions over meals... and learn to drive together – Beni got his driver's license, and Amos got his permit last month! Josh came back from Boys State with stories to tell – some encouraging (like the boy who appealed to the Bible as the ulti-



Nate & the kids recently attended church member Pete's promotion to captain. He let us pose in a helicopter that was being repaired!

mate truth) and some discouraging (foul language). He and Beni are looking forward to attending their first speech & debate camp in CO this summer.

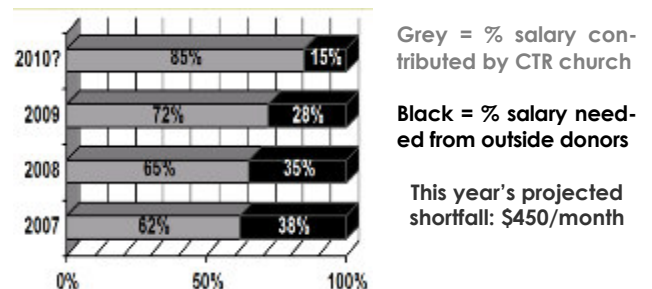
It has been encouraging to have **more families** at CTR church this summer! We said goodbye to two K-State students who moved away, but we have TWO students staying for summer classes at K-State, FIVE military families, and FOUR local households (plus us Wilsons) regularly attending worship! One of the military men is a PCA chaplain who transferred here this month, so we're hoping for more opportunities to minister to soldiers through his presence at Ft. Riley.

Meanwhile, our **financial support** from outside donors suddenly dropped at the turn of the year, yet our congregation isn't able to offer a full salary yet. **Would you be willing to send a special gift to help us cover the shortfall for the coming year?**



Our church is developing a mercy needs response ministry with other local churches. Our first project this year was to build a wheelchair ramp for a farmer's wife. Here, CTR church member Chris (foreground) shows our son Peter (right) and a member of another church how to anchor posts.

Wilson's' Salary Chart



Amend the Constitution?!?

Please check out www.parentalrights.org, sign the petition, and encourage your federal legislators to support the **Parental Rights Amendment** in order to preserve our freedom to train our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

*Jamming on "John Ryan's Polka" in our living room:
Beni (fiddle), Nate (banjo), and Amos (recorder)*



Kid's Corner: Irene

I love my new sister Betsy! She is my "buddy" and Beni's "grand-buddy." She is so cute. She LOVES being held, and she loves being walked around; we all argue over who gets her ☺.

Every morning about 7:00, I read my Bible to myself for Quiet Time. Then after breakfast at about 9:00, I read *Wise Words* to Lilly and Hope (*Wise Words* is a book that makes a Proverbs verse into a story. It is fun.) My favorite subject in school is READING☺, and I also like doing workbooks, but I like reading better.

Grace, Lilly, Hope, and I all did a dance class June 8-12; it was so fun. My Dad also started a family choir with 5 other families, and we practiced five songs ("John Saw The Number," "Praise the Lord," "Who At My Door Is Standing?" "Since By Man Came Death," and "The Name Of The Lord.") I sang the women's part (as you probably guessed) on the two-part songs and soprano on the others. We performed all five songs at a nursing home last week; they had fun,

and we had fun, so it all worked out.

Thanks for praying for me over the years. I am not AS afraid as I used to be, but please keep praying for me, and while you're at it, pray that my back will stop hurting, too.



Irene, our 6th-born, after donating hair to Locks of Love (left), and making up a beautiful worship dance (right).



- Praise God for requests we've gotten from a few young singles and couples for **discipleship**, and pray that we can make the most of this opportunity in the church. Pray also for God to raise up more men for **church officers**; we're still waiting on God to provide a 2nd elder to complete our church government.
- Please pray for God's blessing on our **home** and **automobiles** and **computers** that they wouldn't keep breaking down!
- Please keep praying for **wisdom and spiritual vitality** for Nate as shepherd of his family and church congregation and for Paula as mother of 10 (+1 for a month) and pastor's wife!
- Praise God that Baby **Betsy** is learning to nurse well, and keep praying for perseverance for Paula, as this takes a lot of time each day.
- And pray for our sweet daughter **Irene** according to her requests above.