

Friends,

27 September 2019

Psalm 39:7 says, "And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee."

I have found myself waiting quite a bit here recently: at the Apple store, for the mechanic who took two extra days on the car, on a phone call from a pastor scheduled for a few hours ago, for another missions conference meeting tonight. But do I wait on the Lord? "Wait" in this verse carries a sense of expectant anticipation. "Wait" likewise conveys the idea of delaying one's own action to allow another to act. "Waiting on" someone can also mean that I am attending to them as a servant would. May we all wait on the Lord, in all three senses of the word!

A Year of Deputation (sort of)

Last August, I visited Faith Baptist Church of Lakenheath. I preached, we had great fellowship, and God's will was confirmed for me. Once we returned to the States, I turned in my resignation at church and began full-time deputation. Most of the meetings I scheduled were for 2019, although we did have six meetings in 2018, the first coming in October. In nearly a year's time as missionaries, we have logged 24,503 miles and presented in 59 churches in nine states. We're at 32.5% promised support and our prayer is still to be on the field by fall 2020.

Up next

October will see the first time I've flown to missions conferences, as I travel to Arizona for four meetings (and drive to Ohio for another). I'll be away from family almost three weeks in October, then back on the East Coast for meetings in the Carolinas and Virginia in November.

Meanwhile in England

Our treasurer who was also a trustee—and his family of NINE—has come back to the States, but God is supplying others to take their place. That deployment took our piano player, but God provided another right on time. That's Philippians 4:19!

What can you pray for?

- The power of God upon praying, preaching, and reaching churches
- For God to continue to lead our son, Christian, to the college of His choosing
- Growth of 6% or more in support per month
- Churches that have expressed a desire to support us but are unable to—pray that God would burden their members to give to missions
- A full schedule for 2020 until we hit 100% support

On my heart at the moment is a man by the name of Donald who lives in Wilson, North Carolina. We participated in Saturday visitation with a church that hosted our missions weekend. Donald greeted us, and when asked if he had trusted Jesus as his Savior, he gave the very generic response, "Oh, I trust Jesus every day." When I relayed the John 3 Nicodemus encounter and stressed that salvation is a definitive turning point in one's life, he was less hopeful that he would go to heaven when he dies. He listened to the gospel but refused to accept Christ; in fact, he wouldn't let me pray for him there in the yard. I sensed that he was under serious conviction. Pray that he trusts Christ before it is too late!



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