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The Luttmanns

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Teaching and Knowing God's Grace

July is gone and August is fast disappearing! These months have been busy with summer ministry opportunities, travels and lots in between. I've had several opportunities this summer to share the story of God's amazing grace through the life of John Newton. At the same time our family has seen God use many people and circumstances to display His grace again and again to us! Here's a quick review of what we've been up to lately.



In July we helped with a day camp hosted by CEF of York County. I served as the missions speaker and shared the John Newton story. The children brought an offering to help with our new mission story about Elinor Young.

(Learn more about the project at www.biblevisuals.org)



The following week I represented BVI at the Mission Enrichment Conference for ABWE which was hosted in downtown Lancaster. One particular highlight was to meet Otoniel & Sarah Guanilo, missionaries headed to Argentina. Like us, they are supported by the church I grew up in--Fellowship Baptist Church in Melvern Square, Nova Scotia.

During the same week of the ABWE conference, Elijah, Samuel and David got to take part in art camps at the Pennsylvania College of Art &



Design. Elijah's camp was focused on cartooning, so he developed a character called "Sips the Bird". Samuel and David's camp was on sculpting in various mediums.

At the end of that week we were blessed to have the Dodeler family visit us for a few days in the midst of their furlough. The Dodelers serve as missionaries to France. Betsy and I saw them during our trip to France last year. However, this was the first time for all our children to be together. Damaris got to teach me the proper technique for ladling out crepes. C'est bon!



At the end of July we headed out to Illinois and spent a week with Betsy's dad while helping with the VBS ministry at Shannon Baptist Church. This was really a special opportunity to get to know the folks there as we enjoyed meals with several families and served along side the church in their community outreach. I served as the missions speaker and shared the John Newton story. Betsy captured video footage throughout the week and edited a highlight movie that was shared on the final night. The kids collected almost \$600 towards our David Brainerd story!

All our kids got to take part and to enjoy the VBS with their cousins.



The cousins got to enjoy a ride on the Rockford trolley



Riding Papa's van to a Rockford Rivets game

On the way back to Pennsylvania we had the joy of visiting longtime friends Troy and Annie Thacker in Wintersville, Ohio. Troy serves as the pastor of Wintersville Baptist Temple. I spoke in the Sunday



morning services and we enjoyed a fellowship lunch with the congregation afterwards.

Two days after we got home, Betsy and I headed south for a unique opportunity. We travelled down to Williamsburg, Virginia to help our friends Steve and Connie Herr celebrate their 40th anniversary.

They gathered with their children and grandchildren and we helped capture the memories through pictures and a video Betsy created. We really enjoyed getting to know the entire Herr clan!

When we weren't busy capturing memories, Betsy and I had opportunity to take in some of the local sites including Colonial Williamsburg.



The following week we all hopped in the van again and headed north to Tioga County, Pennsylvania. There we had opportunity to help with another CEF Daycamp. Our hosts, Andy and Janet Sayre, graciously opened up their home to us for the week. We all really enjoyed canoeing and kayaking on their lake and taking in some of the local sites and events like the Corning Glass Museum and the Tioga County Fair!



The day camp was located on Lake Cowanesque and although we had a small group, we really had opportunity to get to know the children better. Our kids got to build some friendships too. At this camp I shared the John Newton story again, but I also got to share snippets from the new Elinor Young story we're working on. The children here collected over \$300 towards that project which was matched as part of our matching fund opportunity!

MATCHING FUND OPPORTUNITY

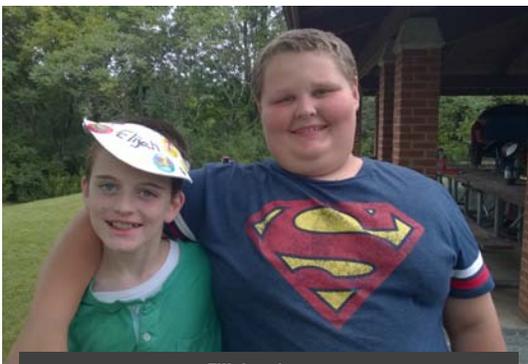
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Our support level is currently at 78% for the year. From now until September 15th, any gifts made toward our support will be doubled thanks to a matching fund opportunity set up by some donors!

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Elijah & Aspyn



Samuel & Lincoln

Please pray for us as we settle in back at home. It's nice to be home after a busy summer, but we're already going again with the new school year as Elijah starts 6th grade and the twins start 4th grade.

It's been a great summer teaching and knowing the grace of our God.

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*See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.*

-John Newton

