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The Luttmanns

Serving with Bible Visuals International



“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,
like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.
But you are the same,
and your years will have no end.”

Hebrews 1:10-12

I imagine that you, like us, have lately retrieved some containers from your attic or basement. Our children enjoy these first “presents” of the season where they rediscover the beautiful Advent treasures we’ve been hiding since last January when we packed them away.

One treasure we added last year was a set of small folding paper stars. Betsy and I picked them up at the Christkindlmarket last year in Daley Plaza, Chicago. Each child picked out one star in particular and now the set brightly declares the season in one window of our home.

The verses above reveal that, like us with our paper stars, Christ will one day roll up the real stars of the universe as an age or “season” ends. These stars will pass. Likewise, the years



do pass for a purpose, that we would see the surpassing and eternal glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This year has been highlighted by two trips to visit ministry partners. One in India, the other in Saskatchewan, Canada. We thank the Lord for these firsthand looks at the work God is doing to build His church around the world.

God has blessed us with another firsthand look at the church. The one right here in Lancaster County at Harvest Bible Church our church home. I've had the privilege of serving as an elder this year and to serve alongside several godly leaders who have displayed humble leadership and God-sought wisdom.

Our children have been invested in by various teachers at the church especially now that all but the twins are in different classes. Elijah is blazing a trail into the teen group that the twins will follow all too soon.

Betsy has literally had a view of the work of the church. Every year she compiles a year end video shown at our church's family meeting in December. It's a beautiful way of reminding ourselves of God's grace and His provisions. As the video concludes, the congregation sings the Doxology. You can watch the highlight video at www.biblevisuals.org/Luttmanns

In the office, we've been working on various production projects to better serve the church with the work of evangelizing and discipling children. Next year we hope to open up a teacher training audio/visual channel to serve alongside our materials. Just this month, we had our first test.



A fall party with a bunch of crazy tweens



With Elinor Young, our guest speaker at the BVI banquet



Testing out some video teacher training workshops



Jesse is in 1st grade!



Kilcup & Luttmann kiddos at the BVI Christmas party

During the summer, Jeff Kilcup joined us on a part time basis and in September we added him as our new Assistant Director. Jeff is joined by his wife Tracy and their four children, Abigail, Jonathan, Luke and Hannah. We've enjoyed getting to know this family and have them all as part of the BVI family. Our recent staff Christmas party definitely had more energy than in the past. Kilcup and Luttmann kids helped decorate our tree and provide some Christmas music on ukulele, accordions, mandolin, banjo and guitar.

Our children have also made some new friends this fall through Firm Foundations Academy. Elijah, Samuel, David and Jesse attend this new homeschool hybrid program which provides classroom instruction twice a week at a facility near BVI. The other days they work at home. I've enjoyed the extra company in the car on the classroom days, plus the boys have been a help with some regular BVI chores in the afternoons.

This Christmas as soon as school wraps up, we'll be driving up to Nova Scotia to be with my parents and both my brothers and their families. It's been about a year and a half since we've been together as a family, so we're eager to reconnect. We'll also be visiting a couple of supporting churches in Nova Scotia.

This past year, Wintersville Baptist Temple (Ohio) joined our support team along with three other individuals or families. This has been a huge encouragement to us especially as we have said goodbye to some other supporters who God has called home to himself.

As you continue through this Advent season, may I suggest a read through Hebrews 1 and 2. Angels and tree topping stars have their glory, but there is one name to exalt this and every season. Thank you for your support in 2019 in helping children see Jesus!

Tom & Betsy Luttmann and family

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?
You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
putting everything in subjection under
his feet.”
Hebrews 2:6-8

Prayer Requests

1. Continue to pray for outreach opportunities in our own neighborhood. We've had some good interaction with neighbors recently and want to follow up.
2. Pray for myself and Jeff as we continue to work on setting the future vision of the ministry. There are many opportunities so we need to prioritize our time and resources.
3. The BVI computer system is running on Windows 7 which is being phased out soon. Pray for wisdom and provision as we update the operational infrastructure at a cost of approximately \$6,000.
4. Pray for wisdom as we invest in the studio equipment needed for the teacher training side of the ministry.



BVI illustrator and friend, Del Thompson, provided us with a family illustration



Visit from the Crosses, missionaries to Peru



Presenting an award to former BVI Director Karen Weitzel



Troy & Annie Thacker, dear friends at Wintersville Baptist Temple



Afternoon tea with Tammy Hanson and Tracy Kilcup



Heading to some website training with the BVI staff



Elijah helping with painting at the York County Fair



Meeting with the Mulandis serving children in Kenya



Mable Ruth Wray and Ginger spending some time together