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FUNDRAISING IN MISSOURI, PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO, AND FLORIDA

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Praise the Lord we are back to raising support again since Phoebe has been born. Our travels this month are taking us in a 7,000 mile circle around the eastern half of the United States. This last month we have been preaching and presenting in Florida churches. It has been such an amazing thing to see God work in the hearts of people as the Bible is simply preached. Just these past two weeks multiple people have shared with us how they now desire to go into missions work abroad. Please pray as God works in the hearts of these people, that



they would seek biblical counsel and obey the scriptures as they move forward.

ANOTHER PASSING IN THE FAMILY

In our last newsletter we mentioned that Jenelle's grandmother had passed away. This last month Jenelle's grandfather passed away from cancer. Please pray that God would work through this difficult circumstance to accomplish his great purposes in our family for his glory. God is always good.

MEANWHILE IN JAPAN

Many of you have probably heard the recent news about the eruption of Mount Ontake in Japan. It is an active volcano that began billowing hot ash, poisonous gas, and rocks without any warning while hundreds of people were climbing it. Reports vary, but we do know dozens of people have died on the mountain. While Japan is mostly a safe country to do mission work in, there is always risk of natural disaster. Many people wonder how we could take our family to a country with such risks. However, there are always risks everywhere missions is to be done. Whether its volcanos, earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, pandemic, riots, persecution, or whatever the risks are, taking risks in missions is always necessary. Without taking risks, without being willing to

put our lives and the lives of our families at risk, the great commission could never be accomplished around the world. May we continue to take risks for the sake of God's glory.

In other news, Japan is no longer the largest unreached people group in the world. This is not because they are being reached with the gospel, but because the population of the Japanese ethnic group is in steady decline. Over four million of

them have died since we took our survey trip and they aren't reproducing fast enough to maintain their population. There are many factors that play into this rapid decline. If nothing changes the Japanese people will be an extinct ethnic group in just a few centuries. Please pray that we could get to Japan as soon as possible. There is an urgency upon us.

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Timothy, Jenelle, Simon, Isaac, Elisha, & Phoebe

42.6% of funds raised! Praise God!