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One Saturday evening we sat down together after the kids were in bed and prayed. We asked God for a place to stay, somewhere our kids would be comfortable, somewhere inexpensive so we could put funds aside for Haiti. We had already searched for a place, but to no avail. God would have to provide something out of thin air.  The very next morning at church, friends of ours approached us and asked where we would be staying after our home sold. We told them we had no idea! Would you believe they had a rental property and offered it to us for a fair price? It seemed as though God had given us an answer! That afternoon Erin had a voicemail on her phone. Our friends had decided to let us to live there rent free until we leave for Haiti! Better yet, it's only a mile from our current home, has a creek to play in, and allows us a little more space! No one could have orchestrated that except God. It was such a confirmation for our families that we are indeed following the correct path, even if it is difficult. Ten years ago to the month Erin moved into an old farmhouse at our church's summer camp. We were set to get married in August and, as we were both full time college students, money was tight. So we made a deal with the camp to work there during the evenings and weekends in exchange for Erin’s free rent. Exactly 10 years later we were again gifted with a free lodging. Both farmhouses had the house numbers 480. God knew we would realize that, and it certainly made us smile at His omniscience.   Our home went on the market on a Sunday night and we had 8 showings in the first 3 days. By the third day, we had two offers over asking and we were in contract by Thursday! We couldn't believe how quickly it was pending. We're currently making some small repairs from the inspection and appraisal, closing should be by the end of June. Again, God is orchestrating things in a way we never expected.  We were able to move into the rental on a rare free weekend. The kids seem to be adjusting well and thoroughly love the creek. Noah is finishing up 2nd grade, Eloise learned how to ride her bike without training wheels and Fitsum's personality and speech continue to blossom.   Spring has been a busy season with no signs of slowing down. We had the pleasure of speaking at our home church, Midway Church, on**April 29th**. As the church body continues to be blessed with growth it was a blessing to be able to share a bit of our story with them.  **May 5-7th**we enjoyed time in Ohio to visit with Church of the Savior UMC. We were given the opportunity to be introduced at all 3 of their services, visit with the adult Sunday School classes, and have an evening meet and greet. The team from COS that served with SIF in Haiti this past February shared stories and pictures from their trip. Afterwards we were given a chance to share our story, our need and our hearts. It was a wonderful time of encouragement.   **May 13th (Mothers' Day)** we were invited to speak at Valley Forge UMC in Pennsylvania (our home state!). It was a sweet time of fellowship and we were able to reunite with a team member we had served with in February. As well as meet others who have served or supported missions in Haiti.   Our home church also took a special offering for us on Mothers' Day. After we departed Valley Forge UMC our pastor called us. He wanted to let us know that the offering had brought in **$57,000!!!** We couldn't believe it! We were stunned. And grateful of course! That offering fulfilled our one time support need to move our family to Haiti, and pay for several other needed things including a vehicle to use there, to attend cross-cultural training, to pay a year’s worth of rent, and to pre-pay year of tuition for Noah & Eloise. WOW! God is at work in this and we are amazed.   **May 18th-20th** we were in Ohio again, speaking at Leesburg UMC. We had the blessing of serving with a large team from there back in February. The first night we met the team, in Haiti, we shared our story. They laid hands on us and prayed over us, that was a moment we won't quickly forget. We enjoyed our time with them last month and were able to share our story during their Sunday morning service.  We have been amazed by how the Lord has led fellow believers to give monetarily. We currently have 50% of our monthly support pledged. We stand back in awe and watch how God moves.   We continue to reach out to churches and other groups who might have us speak for a few moments to share our story in hopes that there may be those who feel led to become supporters. If you feel you’d like to have us speak at your bible study, small group, backyard gathering, or church, please contact us at tsbrubaker@gmail.com.  Thank you for your prayer, support and love as we continue to follow where God leads!  **Love, Travis, Erin, Noah, Eloise & Fitsum** | |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/99495fed9df9551b37b7d6e99/_compresseds/19a538a6-0970-4f22-a215-ba6277bd7f45.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | We've been spending a lot of time traveling lately, but it has allowed for time together. We've been able to talk, sing, be silly, pray, and play road games. Travis came up with a game where we have to find vehicle makes or models for each letter of the alphabet. Needless to say, I need some work on that one! | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Praises**    \*Our one time support need has been reached! \*We have a place to stay (free of charge) until we move to Haiti \*We have about 50% of our monthly support raised \*We have had several churches to speak at and share our story in the hopes of raising monthly supportors  **Prayer Requests**  \*That God would raise up the remaining monthly support needed \*That more churches/groups would be open to having us come speak \*That our priorities (God, marriage, family, ministry) would stay in the correct order \*That we would have safety as we travel | | | | |