

God's Calling

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Dear family and supporters.

It seems like every year, as the summer begins, Diane and I say we can't wait until fall when things start to settle down.



This year was no exception. It began with going down to Virginia to meet Faith and family coming back to the states for furlough and attend the graduation of our oldest grandchild OC from the Liberty online high school. (She is now studying at Liberty University). After graduation, we were able to have all four of the Drake kids for a week while Faith and Adam were able to get away to celebrate their twentieth anniversary.

We began in June by serving with the counselling team during VBS at our home church LMBC. The theme this year was putting on the armor of God. I may have got a bit carried away getting into the theme. Each night we had children coming to us to trust Jesus as their savior and become a part of the Lords Army.



Next was when the teens from LMBC put on a VBS at the Ebenezer church plant. They had a great time singing and playing games with the kids in the neighborhood. Then sharing in crafts and a Bible lesson. There were plenty of teens, so many were able to have one-on-one contact with the kids.



In July we had a church from Georgia bring a team of middle schoolers to host a basketball and cheer camp at the community center just down the block from the church. Many consider middle school an awkward time but many of these young people were taking responsibility well and even leading devotions along with the sporting activities.



The end of July Ebenezer (the church plant we are helping) sent a team to do a couple of VBS programs at churches in Jamaica. The interesting part of this one was that neither Diane nor I were part of the team that went down. This time we were the ones who stayed behind to do the preaching and children's ministries here at the church. We have always talked about how mission work is a team effort, with some sending, others praying and some going. I must admit, it felt different not being with the ones going overseas.



We finished off the summer by spending time in Tennessee at a family retreat. With everyone being spread out it is great when we get to spend time together.

Thanks *Tim & Diane*