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“When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.” – Acts 11:23

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We hope your summer is getting off to a great start! I was talking with a customer yesterday and remarking how quickly the year is going by. He said as you get older time goes even faster than when you are young. I know this isn't really true but it does seem that way. It gives some understanding on God's perspective of time, "With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day."

Life Church

In the past we shared about our hearts for the nations of the world and desire to travel and connect with international people both abroad and locally. We also have a great desire to see God's influence expand not only internationally but locally. This happens when people who follow Jesus go in to their communities and show God's love in practical ways through serving others and by example in their lives. We have had the privilege of helping start a church called Life Church (www.lifechurchindy.com) on the west side of Indianapolis. This church is a plant from Every Nation in Carmel where we used to attend. This has been an awesome experience as God uses us to serve and build His church. We held our first service on Easter Sunday and are growing each week. We do many things at Life Church that you won't find in your typical church: we sit at round tables not in rows; no offering baskets are passed around; we buy people's meals behind us at fast food restaurants; we took over a Gas America for two hours to clean windows, pump gas and buy down each gallon of gas by \$0.25. It's not about religion and doing church, but about loving people and living for God in the journey of life.



Courtney, Bette, Brooks, Scott at first service on Easter Sunday

Mini-Spring Break



Jonah and Scott In April we traveled to Virginia to see our good friends and full time missionaries to Uganda, the Nesters. Then we met up with Courtney's family in Gatlinburg to stay in a cabin for a few nights. We hadn't seen the Nesters in over a year, so it was great to spend time with them and be with a family that have dedicated their lives to God on the mission field. Their two teenage children, Natalie and Jonah, are amazing as they've left all the luxuries and comforts of American teenagers to serve God overseas.



Jonah, Scott, Courtney, Natalie and two neighbor girls

Doing Nothing

When God created the Earth He spent six days working and on the seventh He rested. If God, the creator of the universe, needs one out of seven days to rest and do nothing then perhaps we do also... we cannot go non-stop. If individually we need a day of rest then perhaps our marriages need a time of rest also. I'm not talking about an evening at the movies, but about intentionally separating ourselves as a married couple from the work, distractions and obligations of life to retreat, reflect and rest. On Memorial Day weekend we went to Brown County State Park overnight and did exactly that. While it was tempting to join the family for all the festivities we decided it was more important to get away. It's very easy to let our days and weekends fill up, often times trying to fulfill obligations or expectations of family and friends. We stayed in a small cabin, went on hikes, played on swings at the playground, had pic-nics, took a long afternoon nap, and spent time reflecting and seeking God in several areas. If you're single, I encourage you to take some time and get away by yourself. If you're married deliberately set aside time to get away together. It's a challenge as our minds and bodies are trained to always be doing something. Your life and/or marriage will be rejuvenated by a day or two of intentionally doing nothing.



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Shelley's Wedding

It's official, Shelley is now Shelley Hook. Shelley and Adam were married on June 10th. The wedding and reception were beautiful. It was a crazy time for Scott's family with wedding preparations and visitors. It was also an emotional time for his parents as their final child and daughter is now married and starting her new life. It's a mystery with God's design of marriage how two people leave their families, become one and form their own family. Now with 1 1/2 years of experience we can say marriage is a wonderful and awesome experience between God, husband and wife.



Babies...

...none of them ours, yet. :) The Bible says children are a reward from God. Our good friends Russ and Julie had their baby girl Jaila last week, and Courtney's sister Taylor is due in a few weeks. Scott's friend from college and his wife are adopting and will receive their child in a few weeks. We had another friend that lost a child and coworkers who are going through fertility treatment and pregnancy. God has spoken to us much over the last several months about our future family. We have always had a desire to be parents and to grow our family through adoption and biological children... For all the family members wondering when grandchildren will be here, we say not yet... but maybe soon.