

Keeping Up With the Joneses

Transition...

After almost 3 ½ yrs of labor in preparation and then actual church planting in Opelika/Auburn, AL, we are moving on. We have felt strongly that the Lord was moving us along. (We all shed some tears as the news was broken to the church.) Heritage Baptist Church has gotten off to a good start and is ready for great days ahead. Bro. Brian Allison has stepped in to pastor the church through this time of transition and is helping the church to get ready for a full-time pastor. He has helped another church in a similar situation in Lumpkin, GA. God has provided a very capable man to continue what He has started. Pray for the people of Heritage, Pastor Allison & his wife, Heather.

Donna has continued to play the piano at Heritage for a short season. Our regular pianist was dealt a terrible blow with the loss of her sister and then her husband within a month. Randy, her husband, was our song leader, my soul winning buddy and a true encourager of his pastor. Pray for Martha and her daughters as the Lord comforts them in their season of grief. Donna is teaching Heather a few things on the piano.

Over the last week or so, I have been getting our home in Indiana ready to move back into. The house has sat empty for almost a year and needs some major attention. The last renters left it in an unrentable condition. We have carried the mortgage and can only say the Lord has brought us through this difficult time. Right now, I am here alone while Donna is in AL, Jeremy has taken a job in Ft. Lauderdale (in the police academy now), and Brett is working at Hoosier Hills Baptist Camp. It is some small task to keep up with us these days. haha

The Future...

Some have asked how they can help us with the transition. Well, we obviously need the direction of the Lord, so pray much for us. We would like to plant one more church and settle down there. I have my eye on a couple of cities but want a clear, plain path. Some are going to help with the repairs at our home in Deputy. Then we could use some help with the moving expenses. We don't have a huge amount of furniture so we think we could get everything in a small moving truck. If you would like to help financially, call me or our Pastor, Don Hamilton. Thanks for your prayers and for giving to plant the work in Alabama. We hope you will continue to help us along the way to the next city.

I am going to use southern Indiana as our base to build some more needed support. We are praying for the opportunity to share our burden for church planting in many churches. My goal would be to work on the house and do some deputation work through this fall. I am already beginning to fill some dates on our calendar. In late fall, we would also begin the preparation for the new church plant with the idea to plant it in the early spring time. This will be our third church start and we truly believe it will be our strongest yet. Pray with us and partner with us for the cause of Christ. Thank you and God bless.

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