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Phelps Ministry Update

I know it has been a while since our last update but you have not been forgotten. While we have not been able to travel due to Covid -19 restrictions and new policies in place for states and churches, we have been busy at work. Paul has had several opportunities to share our ministry around the city where we live. He has had several one on one meetings as well as being able to share what our ministry is all about to the local Chamber of Commerce in Westfield. Paul has made several contacts through these meetings and has had opportunities for follow up.

While we are sad to not have been traveling this summer, we are grateful for the Lord keeping us close to our family in the area. Throughout the summer and especially during the end of July and the month of August, the Lord knew ahead of time that we would need to be home. Sarah's dad continued to experience some back pain that just wouldn't go away and would gradually get worse. Sarah helped out her parents when needed and ended up taking her dad to multiple appointments due to the pain being so intense. After a series of appointments and tests, the doctors discovered a walnut size tumor behind the L1 of his spine. The Lord opened doors for the specialist appointments to be moved up as well as cancelations for Sarah's dad to have emergency surgery August 19th to remove the tumor. We are glad to report that the surgery was successful and that he had the best care. He spent 17 days in the hospital and rehab. We are ever so grateful that even during this pandemic that he was allowed to have my mom be with him each day. We just got word today that the tumor is not cancerous and we are rejoicing in that good news. Pray for continued recovery and healing in his back. The healing process could take upwards to a year due to the nerves being compressed for so long.

One of Paul's PTSD groups continues to meet twice a month. We are praying about when to start the other one back up. We continue to have success with the PTSD group format and are looking forward to starting other groups in the future.

All four of our girls started another school year on August 17th. It is hard to believe it is that time already but we are thankful for a routine again. The twins, Alexandra and Ava, started preschool 3 days a week, Anna started 2nd grade and Alyssa began 5th grade and is in beginners band playing the clarinet. We are thankful for a Christian school for them to attend and the safe policies that are put into place without having to do virtual learning at this time. Would you pray that our girls and our family would stay healthy this school year?

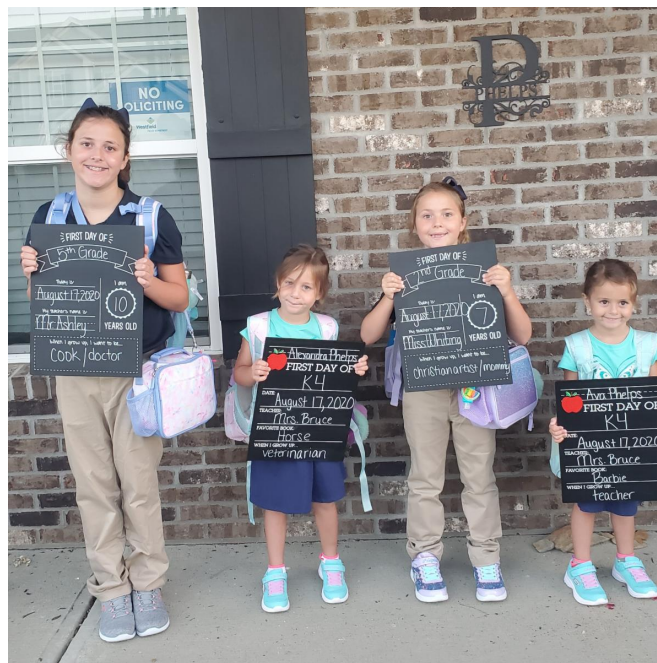
Paul had an opportunity to share our ministry to veterans and first responders and a challenge from God's Word to about 400 people at a paintball activity in Greenwood, Indiana in late August. People came from all over the Midwest to be at this event. Prayers for potential conferences to come from the contacts made are welcomed.

We would ask for your prayers as we look to reschedule our conferences that have been canceled since March. We have had about a dozen or more conferences canceled with the intent of rescheduling them in the near future. With that in mind, it is a good time to update all our print material (brochures, prayer cards, and banners). It is hard to believe that it has been 4 years since we started traveling. Will you pray with us about helping to cover these costs? We are looking at this costing about \$1000.

We miss being on the road and holding meetings and conferences in churches. Prayerfully, we can be back to those things soon.

Paul, Sarah, Alyssa, Anna, Alexandra and Ava Phelps

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Prayer Requests:

- Sarah's dad--continued healing with his back
- Wisdom in scheduling future meetings and conferences
- Continued good health with kids in school

- PTSD Groups
- Kids continue to ask questions on salvation

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