

THE KNOBLOCH REPORT

“Listening”

What’s New?

Ministry Update

God’s Helping Hands continues to get requests for programs as fast or faster than we can fill the calendar! We currently schedule 18 months in advance – and the calendar is almost entirely full for that whole amount of time. We fill as many requests as we can without losing our minds!

Family News

Ours is a VERY busy family! Kylie is in her senior year of high school, is acting in community theater and is teaching kindergartners at church on Wednesdays. Elliana is a sophomore, is acting in community theater and is taking cello lessons. Gwen and Claire are both in 4th grade, and are taking ballet as well as being involved in girls’ club at church. Please pray for our family! Pictured below is our team with “Grandma and Grandpa” Carlson who love on us each year when we minister in their area!



Ab, life on the road! The Bus gets decked out for Independence Day and for the first time ever, got (temporarily) stuck in the mud when leaving this church in Iowa!



“The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth” Psalm 145:18

There’s no doubt about it. In our ministry, we talk A LOT! And as if our own talking wasn’t enough, we each contort our own voices to embody many different puppet characters and THEY talk a lot! We love to talk because we carry the greatest message of all — the gospel of salvation that brings us to God! But we also do a lot of listening. We hear so many stories from children — everything from the tooth they just lost to the parent who just left. We’ve learned that a big part of ministry is listening. Listening to children AND adults. Listening to joys AND sorrows, learning to love by letting our hearts swell and sometimes break as we obey the command to “rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep”. (Rom.12:15) After all, the Lord is listening to us. He’s listening for us to call on him in truth. And He answers!

One girl around 11 years old approached “Uncle” Chris asking for a conversation because she had some questions. She explained she had just been saved the day before and then proceeded to produce a notebook. She asked Chris’ favorite color and produced that color pen from her bag. Then, in the most organized way, (in the color green!) she opened the notebook and numbered the page equal to the number of questions she had written down. What followed was the most wonderful and inquisitive seeking of truth from God’s Word as she systematically grilled Chris on the particulars about God and her new-found faith. God’s Word proved sufficient as always as Chris pointed out His truths. It was only one of many occasions this year when listening was the ministry!

Prayer Requests

Ministry

We are currently in our 20th season of ministry with God's Helping Hands! God has made our ministry possible through the support of many faithful servants and we are so grateful! After 20 years, many of our long-time supporters are being called home to their eternal reward! We are asking the Lord to bring the needed people to come alongside us for financial and prayer support so that we can continue on. We are also actively asking the Lord to call individuals to join us at GHH! Please pray for us and for the ministry in this regard.

Christmas Concert!

On Thursday, December 18, 2025, our family will be giving a concert of music and story to celebrate the birth of our Savior! Byron Center Bible Church – one of our supporting churches – will be hosting the event which will begin at 7pm. Chris will play their beautiful and unique Petrof grand piano and Amber and the girls will join in singing in beautiful harmonies. Our puppets may make an appearance and you will be invited to sing along with the carols of the season! Please come and share in the joy of Christmas!



We love the personal interaction we get with boys and girls! These pictures were taken at Camp Barakel in Michigan and Camp Nathaniel in Kentucky.



(Left) Elli not only performs with this puppet, but made her herself! (Center) This summer, the four girls learned and often shared a beautiful 4-part arrangement of "My Jesus I Love Thee" (Right) 4 beautiful flowers using flower puppets!

It is no secret that people are hurting and searching. The answers are all found in Christ, but many times the path to presenting Christ and His truth begins with caring enough about each individual to take the time just to listen and then pray.

Thank you for listening and for praying and for supporting us in this ministry!

Warmly, The Knoblochs

Chris, Amber, Kylie, Elliana, Gwen and Claire