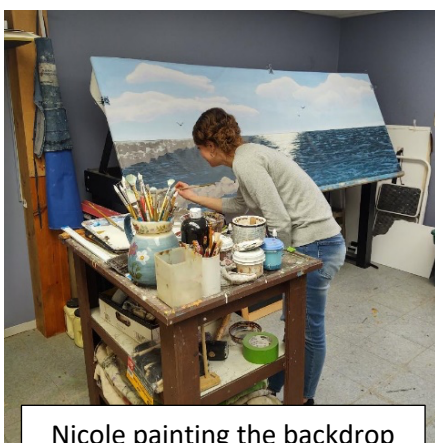




## Jeff & Robin Awe

Dear Friends,

Spring, 2022



Nicole painting the backdrop

“Light Up Your Life!” is this year’s summer series and it is well on its way to being road ready. The scenery for the stage is a seaside setting complete with a working lighthouse. In John 8:12, Jesus says, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” As believers who have the Spirit of God living within us, we are to shine that light to the unbelieving world so that they, too, will believe and be saved. Lighthouses are placed in locations where they can shine brightly and guide boaters to safety when the way is not clear. Using the lighthouse and other items and critters at the seaside, the team will be sharing the good news of salvation and challenging believers to shine the light of Jesus to the world.

During the winter months, Jeff has had many things to occupy his time mostly in the way of phone calls and emails to get the first phase of the Reach More project off the ground. For a man who would rather have a tool in his hand, he has had to learn patience and good communication as he coordinates with builders, engineers and local permit-issuing authorities. The plan is to build what we can with the funds available and finish only as additional funding comes in just like we did when the original building was built. But the rules have changed and it is now required to have all the specifics of the building, inside and out, planned out before permits will be issued. The Lord has been gracious with connections to good, helpful people and we know that things will move forward in the Lord’s timing! Jeff had also hoped to get the awning built onto the front of the building to help shield it from the weather, but the application process for the building permit took too long and the weather turned wintry before he could complete the project. It looks like this has now turned into a project for the spring!



Jeff building the lighthouse

There isn’t as much need for Robin to be in the office while Juli is also there, but she does come in to work about once a week. While the team was recording puppet videos to go along with the new curriculum, she got to have Gwen and Claire (the youngest Knobloch girls) at our house to spend grandma/granddaughter time! It was helpful to the team and is the best kind of “work” to be able to do! Now that the video recordings are finished, she will be able to get started on some of the sewing projects that need to be done.

The bus had some more issues and is now back with the mechanic. Whatever the problem is, we have been assured that it is all under warranty from the work done on it last year so there should be no further cost. Currently, however, the mechanic is having a hard time identifying the exact problem. It is our hope that the repairs are finished in plenty of time for the team to get it back before the summer travels begin. We are so grateful for this mechanic and his expertise. Pray with us that the problems are identified and repaired all in God's timing.



This past fall, we took a couple of special trips! In October, we drove out to Denver, Colorado, to surprise Courtney for her birthday. We had a great time with her and her roommate, Jessica, who was able to keep our visit a secret until she made the "mistake" of changing the linens on Courtney's bed in preparation for our arrival! We ate at some of their favorite restaurants, went fishing in a nearby mountain lake, enjoyed the beauty of God's creation, and toured the greater Denver area.

Then in November, we met up with Jordan who was touring with *Pilgrim*, in Honey Brook, Pennsylvania. This time we didn't see him perform because the goal was to take him to nearby Lancaster and see the Sight and Sound Theatre production of *Queen Esther*. It was a fantastic experience! We even had dinner with Queen Vashti! Abby, who had that role in the *Queen Esther* production, had been in HPA shows with Logan and Jordan and attended the conservatory at Sight and Sound. It was good for Jordan, as he makes application there, to be able to talk with her about her experiences as a student and her continued role as part of the company.

We are almost empty-nesters. Logan and Emily's wedding is getting closer every day! Logan will soon finish his training and take his test to become an LMT (licensed massage therapist). He has done very well and looks forward to working in this profession. Jordan leaves again to tour with *Pilgrim* in March. He is able to continue to serve GHH with online outreach while he's gone since the work is done online. He has applied to be a camp counselor during the entire summer. Then, if he's accepted, his two years at the Sight and Sound Conservatory would begin in September.

We have left our responsibilities as homeschoolers behind; but as the boys move into the next stages in their lives, we are able to be more involved in supporting our grandchildren's interests by attending things like marching band performances, musical productions, school Christmas programs and cheer competitions. It is a joy to watch our children parent and to see our grandchildren as they grow. Our prayer is that they will all know and love the Lord and serve Him with their whole heart.

Thank you for your friendship, prayers, and gifts as we serve the Lord through God's Helping Hands, supporting the travel team from the home office. Please pray for those who will hear the message that the team will be presenting this summer. Pray that their hearts will be soft and ready to hear the message and accept Jesus's gift of salvation.

Because of Jesus,

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