

THE KNOBLOCH REPORT

“Hope”

What’s New?

Ministry Update

The schedule for the summer tour is set (as is most of 2026!) and we are brushing up one of our favorite series, *Psalm Springs*. As we bring a flavor of the Old West to audiences, we will also be teaching through Psalm 23 and the life of David.

Family News

Every day is an adventure! Amber affixed a dry erase board to the fridge to write out each week’s agenda. It never looks the same twice! On one hand, that’s fun! On the other, obligatory lack of consistency is wearing. Kylie has added a part-time job to her schooling, working as a barista at a wonderful family-owned coffee house. Elli and Amber spend special time together once a week when Chris takes Gwen and Claire to church’s Girls’ Club. Chris and Amber work to carve out time for friends and for each other. This fall, God blessed us with two deer for our freezer!



On December 31, we celebrated 20 years of Wedded Bliss! Recently, Elliana and Kylie brought literary characters “Amy” and “Jo” to life in a production of “Little Women”.



“hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.” Psalm 43:5b

As believers, we use the word *hope* to describe the waiting for something that is certain — like the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to return. It’s guaranteed, and our faith is evidenced in our confident and expectant waiting. (Hebrews 11:1) But what about when the outcome is uncertain? Turns out, the Hebrew language has a word to cover this! The word *yachal* is sometimes translated *wait* (Micah 7:7) or often *hope* (like the above verse in Psalm 43), but in Job 13:15 it is translated *trust*. “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him.” Job didn’t know how his story would end. He had no promise of relief to wait upon; but he *did* trust the God of Promises who *did* know the end of his story.

Waiting is a process; it’s not a one-time event. In our family life and ministry, we have a lot of hopes. We hope in God to direct our Kylie post-graduation. We hope for the fulfillment of God’s promise that when we share His word with audiences “it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11) We hope for answers and healing regarding Amber’s chronic pain in her neck and shoulder that is hampering her in ministry and in life in general. Some hopes are in guaranteed promises and we wait expectantly for their fulfillment. Some hopes are *yachal* and we trust that the process will draw us closer to the One who knows the end from the beginning. All hopes require waiting. Waiting gives us time for prayer and growth and the gradual “coloring in” of life’s blank spaces until we behold the full realization of the Artist’s masterpiece!

Prayer Requests

Health and Finance

The Lord has ALWAYS provided for our needs – even when it didn't seem possible! In 2025, we saw a drop in our monthly support because of the deaths or changes of circumstances of several friends. This coincides with several health needs inside our family including severe pain for Amber that is (among other things) limiting her ability to use our puppets. We are trusting God to provide again for EVERY need. Please pray for us in this regard!

The Ministry Van Plan

Well over a decade ago, God's Helping Hands was provided with a used van to transport us and all our equipment all over the country with the gospel message. Now, as it approaches 214k miles (many of them hard towing miles) we are seeking to retire it to a secondary support role by purchasing a younger version. For our specific need, we are seeking a Chevy Express 3500 passenger van hopefully with 60k miles or less. For this, GHH has set a financial goal of \$40k – \$38k of which has already been supplied! Please pray with us for the completion of this needful project!



Kylie is graduating this year, while Elli is a Sophomore and Gwen and Claire are together tackling 4th grade! Late in 2025, we took a day trip with our dear friends to the Belle Isle Conservatory in Detroit.



(Left) Another new driver! Elli's driving is thoughtfully cautious. (Center) We love to read together! Authors like Kipling, White, Lewis, and Tolkien have filled many happy hours of learning! (Right) Slow but steady progress on the girls' new bathroom!

Please pray for us, that we would wait well in full reliance on Jesus, serving Him each day with reckless abandon of our self-ambition in preference to His glory!

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

Warmly, The Knoblochs

Chris, Amber, Kylie, Elliana, Gwen and Claire