

THE KNOBLOCH REPORT

“Great Things”

What’s New?

Reach More Update

If you read our recent full ministry newsletter, *The Glance*, then you have seen some of the tremendous progress God has done for us at God’s Helping Hands! Now that the main structure of the new building is complete, the internal components (in-floor heat, concrete, interior walls, etc.) will be accomplished in bite-sizes as God supplies the funds.

2023 Preparations

The groundwork for all of the teaching and presentational material for 2023 has already been laid and all of the pieces of this huge ministry puzzle are beginning to be assembled. What sorts of pieces, you ask? Well (deep breath), scripts, stories, spiritual applications, take-home materials, music, designing, lighting, sound, staging, painting, puppets, costumes, props, scheduling, bus and trailer maintenance, travel plans, and publicity to name a few. And, of course, this is in addition to (next deep breath) business management, office maintenance, correspondence, podcasting, film prep, special projects and the Reach More Campaign!



Kylie (15) has taken up photography and placed 3rd in a national competition. Claire (5) and Gwen (6) are always willing photography subjects!



“For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.” Luke 1:49

Would you like to hear the lyrics to one of the worst Christmas songs of all time? Here they are:

So this is Christmas / And what have you done? / Another year over / And a new one just begun.

A very Merry Christmas / And a Happy New Year / Let’s hope it’s a good one / Without any fear.

How depressing. But in the moments we myopically focus on our selves and measure our success or joy on the basis of a positive year-end review of our personal accomplishments, we can empathize with the writer of this most “un”-Christmas Christmas song and our outlook for the new year will be just as bleak.

In the passage of scripture that’s been appropriately titled “The Magnificat,” Mary sets forth what should be our focus for every Christmas. “For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”

The pictures and descriptions in this letter are a bit of a year in review — but not of the accomplishments of the Knoblochs or God’s Helping Hands, but of the accomplishments and goodnesses of God Himself. Throughout all of our mortal ups and downs, we experienced His immortal faithfulness! Resting in that truth, we say to you, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Prayer Requests

Ministry

As we wait on the Lord for the completion of His vision for expanding our ministry outreach (the Reach More Campaign), we continue to lay the groundwork for what materials and presentations we will be filming and producing. Please pray for continued wisdom and creativity!

Support

Since our last letter, we have continued to experience God's faithfulness! Our committed monthly support is currently at 77% with the Lord making up the balance through one-time gifts. This is a monthly increase of about 2% in 2022. We praise Him!

Family

In the month of February, our family will be taking a couple of weeks along the Southeast coast where we will rest from ministry. We've never tried this before and we need prayer that we (especially Chris) will be able to do the very difficult task of resting!

Praise!

We were able to see God at work in our lives and in the lives of those around us during our summer schedule!



The end of summer saw Elli (12) begin cello lessons, and our family trip to Cedar Point (last year's Christmas gift). We were also floored upon our return home to see what God accomplished on the Reach More building!



In addition to our regular evangelism, God gave us the opportunity to teach teens on the topic of using their creativity for Christ. We also did some puppetry workshops. Our new whale puppet, Bob, was a huge hit all year long!

Our family has seen God's hand of direction and blessing over the past year in myriad ways, one of which is the faithful prayers and support of our friends and fellow servants. Let's use this verse to praise Him for what He has done and in anticipation for what He will do! "Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you."
1 Samuel 12:24

Warmly, The Knoblochs

Chris, Amber, Kylie, Elliana, Gwen and Claire