



# note FROM nicole

**A**s we taught children and families this summer about the beatitudes listed in Matthew 5, through our series, *Beatitude Bayou*, we told them that this fancy word, "beatitude," simply means a blessing, a good gift from God. I'm happy to report that this past summer was just that, a blessing, a good gift from God! He gave us many opportunities to share His message of salvation through truth and love. He allowed us to see first hand the night and day change He can make in a little child's heart and life! (See attached story.) He provided housing at different camps for our team when we weren't sure when or if the bus would be fixed. When the bus was finally fixed, He made sure that we could pay for all the repairs without having to pull money from any special project funds. God's Helping Hands was able to write a check for \$30,000 though

the Lord's provision and our supporters' generous donations! He gave us help to find a mechanic to fix the van transmission when that failed. He worked it out to be able to borrow another vehicle in the meantime and again, paid for the repairs in full, almost to the exact dollar. We could definitely see God's powerful hand at work through all these different scenarios. Thank you for your prayers for our team this summer, they were answered!

*Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.*

*James 1:17*

**L**ooking ahead into the fall and winter months brings more opportunities to minister to churches and special groups. You can always check out our schedule online to see where we are next. Maybe you will be nearby and come for a visit. I will be working at the office most days painting a new Christmas stage, but other projects will include: sketching new design

ideas and art for next year's series' stage and working with Amber to remake our puppets, Stephen and Lydia. Please pray that will go well. It might sound silly, but these are a couple of our puppets that are used the most and highly recognized by kids, so we need them to look the same. It's always a little nerve-racking taking apart a puppet and hoping it all goes back together again. Haha.

**T**hank you for your investment of this ministry with your prayers and financial gifts! You too are a blessing, a good gift from God.

I am so grateful for the home that God has blessed me with. The family that owns the house and allows Juli and I to live there are so generous and don't mind when we do little projects here and there to keep things looking nice. Before we left for the summer, we were able to fix up the front porch area with some fresh paint, installed a bead board paneling ceiling (since the old ceiling tiles were falling down and letting bugs in) and bought a new rug. We were also able to replace the front door which was letting a lot of cold air in during the winter. So now everything will be sealed up well.



**PRAISE:** We have never before had such a flood of program requests like we have been experiencing the past few months.

**PRAY:** With a busier schedule comes more traveling. Please pray for safety on the roads and physical strength during a busier season.

**PRAISE:** My support is doing well and maintaining a healthy, monthly balance from both committed donations and special gifts.

**PRAY:** Recently, I have lost a couple long time supporters, please pray that my monthly support percentage would continue to increase. It's all in the Lord's timing, and He continues to provide for me in many different ways!



My family and I were able to take a family vacation to Door County, WI. in September. It was so beautiful there. We all had a great time hiking, kayaking, biking, playing games, laughing and just being together for a week!