

THE KNOBLOCH REPORT

"Sunlight"

What's New?

Reach More Update

The Reach More project continues to make steady and regular strides as the Lord moves it forward! He has been sending the funds for each new stage through the generosity of His people one step ahead of us continually! The very-important sound insulation is installed and money is available for drywall!

Family News

Over the winter months we have been busy homeschooling (Kylie's chemistry has been an "all-hands-on-deck" situation!) We spent a few weekends at Camp Barakel where Chris played the piano and taught boys at Father/Son retreats in his personal capacity. Kylie also volunteered a weekend of work there. Elliana continues to increase in her skill as an artist and Gwen and Claire are loving their Wednesday night Girls Club! Our family loves spending time together and we make a lot of efforts to do so! In March, we will be serving churches in West Virginia and will take a couple opportunities during the trip to visit a few historical sites in and around Washington D.C.



*We enjoyed
God's "sun
art" from a
Lake
Michigan
dune (left) and
in the
prismatic
view from our
front window
(right)*



"Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun." Eccl. 11:7

We have a love/hate relationship with December 21. On the one hand, it is the shortest day of the year, supplying the least amount of precious sunlight. On the other hand, it marks a transition toward better things — gradually longer days with more of the sun! But the transition is slow, and here in Michigan, the cold days of February stiffly plod on through a rather monochromatic world in which the sun plays a coy and frustrating game of hide-and-seek that it seems to be winning from behind its thick gray mantle of cloud.

We were made and meant for light. The Scripture is full of references to light — and no wonder! 1 Jn. 1:5 says, "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." Ultimately, we were made to crave light because we were made to crave God. Those who, as Peter put it, have been "called out of darkness into His marvelous light" are looking beyond this wintry world toward an everlasting spring. 1 Thess. 5:5a, 11, "For you are all children of light, children of the day... Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

The scripture at the top of this page from Ecclesiastes continues, "So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity." In other words, don't waste your life. Enjoy it. Invest it. "O Light, that followest all my way / I yield my flickering torch to Thee / My heart restores its borrowed ray / That in Thy sunshine's blaze, its day may brighter, fairer be!" ~ George Mattheson, *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Prayer Requests

Ministry

One thing we are seeking the Lord on is the possible addition of new missionary staff as we expand our outreach! We could use help in building/maintenance, office/administration, media/technology, and evangelism through puppetry. Please pray with us!

Family

Please pray for Chris and Amber as they seek to fulfill their roles to each other as spouses, as parents, as children, as siblings, as friends, as missionary teammates, as members of the Body of Christ, as stewards of our home and belongings, and ultimately as children of the King! We often feel overwhelmed and inadequate. Over the years, one unfortunate side-effect of our life of frequent travel is the feeling of being a bit "untethered". Although we have many, many friends scattered all over, we don't get to see most of them consistently or know them very deeply resulting in the occasional phenomenon of being "lonely in a crowd".



(Clockwise) Installing sound insulation; Recording the final episode of "Off Hand with Stephen and Lydia"; Celebrating our 20th "Friendiversary" at Hocking Hills



(L to R) God blessed us with meat this winter!; Celebrating the arrival of a new nephew!; Our personal chauffeur is gaining skill and confidence!

Do not hesitate to reach out to us with your prayer requests! There is even a place on our website specifically for that purpose. We are reminded daily of the blessing and importance of the fellowship of believers in ministry!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Warmly, The Knoblochs

Chris, Amber, Kylie, Elliana, Gwen and Claire