

The Finchum Frontier

Winter 2021

Don't Blink Or You Will Miss A Lot



It is a great comfort to know that God is in control and His plans are always better than ours- especially when change brings disappointment. After much anticipation, our Christmas trip to Bermuda was canceled and for the first time in 15 years, we weren't with any extended family over Christmas. We were able to wake up on Christmas morning in our own house and enjoy an extremely relaxing holiday at home with our family.

In December, Justus celebrated his 15th birthday, and in January he was able to obtain a Learner's Permit. He has been driving for about a month and is doing very well.

Last week, we had significant (for Alabama) snowfall at our house, which the kids have been anticipating for the past couple of years! Also last week, Trinity had an accident at home which led to a stress fracture in her fibula, so she will be on crutches for a couple weeks. Never a dull moment at our house! We continue to host "Taco Tuesday" in our home for College & Career Young Adults. We have a pretty consistent group that attends regularly and we look forward to meeting with them every week. Next month, Lord willing, we will be traveling to Bermuda for the first time in over 2 years! We are looking forward to soaking in every minute with family, dear friends and supporters.



Equipping the Equippers

In January, Brent traveled to Pennsylvania for a week of 'Writing Team'. He lead one team of writers who were developing curriculum for students around the world. The teams wrote, taught, critiqued and edited 12 lessons on three topics: Apologetics, A Study on the Book of Philippians & Anthropology (The Doctrine of Man).



Also in January, a lot of time was spent preparing Word of Life's first Online Apologetics Conference, called "Rooted"- held on Saturday, February 6th. As we all know after almost everything went virtual for a time last year, when you are running things on the internet, there is the potential for various issues! After much prayer and preparation, the conference ran successfully, and we saw many people benefit from the teaching they received. There were about 2,000 registered guests that represented at least 700 adult leaders, 300 individuals and 1,000 students from different youth groups. We saw attendees from 35 states and 28 other countries!

Sean McDowell was our keynote speaker and he did a phenomenal job teaching apologetics in a simple, clear and concise way. Topics for the breakout sessions included:

- *Where did everything begin?*
- *What makes Christianity different?*
- *If God exists, why is there so much suffering?*



Prayer Request:

- As we help to make preparations for our National Staff Conference in May- that it will be a time of encouragement and blessing for all of our missionaries.
- For Brent leading a team of missionaries with the task of re-strategizing how WOL Local Church Ministries implements Leadership development and training.
- As Brent prepares for teaching the morning Bible Hour sessions for a week at 'The Coast' this summer.
- That our Southeast missionary team would serve churches well (as they all are in different stages of active ministry because of Covid-19).
- For safety as our team seeks to be active in ministry during this pandemic.
- That we can be agile in our methodology in these constantly changing times.