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The Washers

Dear Friends and Family,

We are back on the road! We are slowly headed north in the midwest until we hit the east side of Minnesota and then turn around and hold some events on the way back down.

Peru Trip--Last year Hudson and I had the privilege of running many evangelistic basketball clinics for schools in Peru with the Buddy Fitzgerald family. It became a dream of mine to bring all the boys back this year to get all of them involved in running the basketball clinics and have Buddy's sons

translate. Praise the Lord that's exactly what happened this summer! Ethan and Hudson were worn out running clinic for schools and young basketball teams. It was exciting to meet before and during the trip to discuss how the clinics were gonna go and then how to modify them while we were there. I didn't realize before the trip that bringing all the boys would give us a chance to actually play full court games against some schools. The Peruvians loved competing against us and always had a crowd to see if they could beat the Americans. As always, the gospel was preached at every clinic, with Buddy either translating or speaking directly in Spanish. In all, Buddy thinks the gospel was preached to around 500 people while we were there! We also gave out a ton of tracts! It was exciting one day when we set up a movable goal in the center of the city, had people shoot for prizes and then gave them tracts. Another day we took an hour long trip on the river to visit a village to minister to the adults and play games with and then preach to the kids. We were thrilled to be able to stay in the Fitzgeralds new house in the jungle while we were there. The boys could tell lots of stories of the adventures they had with the Fitzgerald boys. The biggest story came when the guest shower went out and "showers" were taken in the creek. The boys warned us about cayman, anacondas and bullet ants! The Fitzgeralds are doing an incredible work for the Lord in Puerto Maldonado and it was a thrill to show all the boys how God can use simple surrender to impact so many people for His glory! Check out a video Austin made of the trip--<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-EFPd-CoKoo>

Home Life-- As soon as we finished our last semester in June the boys headed to Pensacola Christian College for Teen Extreme Camp. We are so thankful for the preaching of Morris Gleiser and the staff who poured their lives into our boys. Great decisions were made for the Lord and one counselor in particular made a huge eternal impact on our boys. The week after they got home from camp we headed to Peru and then we got to enjoy a vacation with Emily's family. But, the biggest thing we have been involved with as a family this summer is our home church. We are so thankful for a church that allows us (especially our boys) to be so heavily involved while we are home! Every summer we have a program called "Chase for Victory" on Wednesday nights. The adults meet as a group for special topics. The teens and kids start together

with games and then split up into separate groups for the preaching time. The teens and kids compete the whole summer in 2 teams to see who will get a chance to go to a fun park for free. Here is how each of us have been busy at church and with other things this summer.

Jonathan--I preached to the teens several times and then on Sunday morning. It was wonderful to prepare new messages on the life of Jonah to preach to the teens and adults. I've also been busy working as much as possible driving a bus for Champion Coach. The highlight trip this summer was joining 6 other buses in picking up the Denver Broncos to play the Atlanta Falcons in Atlanta. It's always an adrenaline rush to park next to the planes and then get police escorts around Atlanta! My younger boys and I have also done some landscaping work on the side.

Emily--Somehow she always wins the prize for being the busiest! For the last several years she has worked with other ladies in the church to spearhead the kid's time during our summer emphasis. In the midst of that she set up a wonderful activity for all the ladies at church. School has started for the boys and of course that took a lot of time on her part to organize all the subjects and make sure our boys actually graduate school! She has taken time to spend with all of her friends at home as she is not able to do that on the road.

Ethan--He is becoming an adult fast! This summer he has been waking up super early 4 days a week to drive 40 minutes to work a landscaping job in the unbearable summer heat. College comes next year! At church he was the team leader for the teens and kids. He gave his all to lead his team in the competitions every week. He has also been teaching the teens Sunday school, playing offertories, and singing specials.

Hudson and Austin--Both boys have been earning some money by helping me on some random landscaping jobs around the neighborhood. They have also loved being able to spend time with their neighborhood friends and friends at church. There were many summer nights when the basketball court at our house was full of boys. They have also been heavily involved at church (see pics below).

Thank you so much for your faithful support!
Thank you for your kindness and encouragement!

Jonathan, Emily, Ethan, Hudson and Austin Washer



Austin's main job on the Peru trip was to take plenty of videos and pictures and then put a video together. He did a great job!

Schedule

August 28, 2026--North Carolina Correctional Institute for Women (Raleigh, NC)

September 4, 2026--Buckingham Correctional Center (Dillwyn, VA)

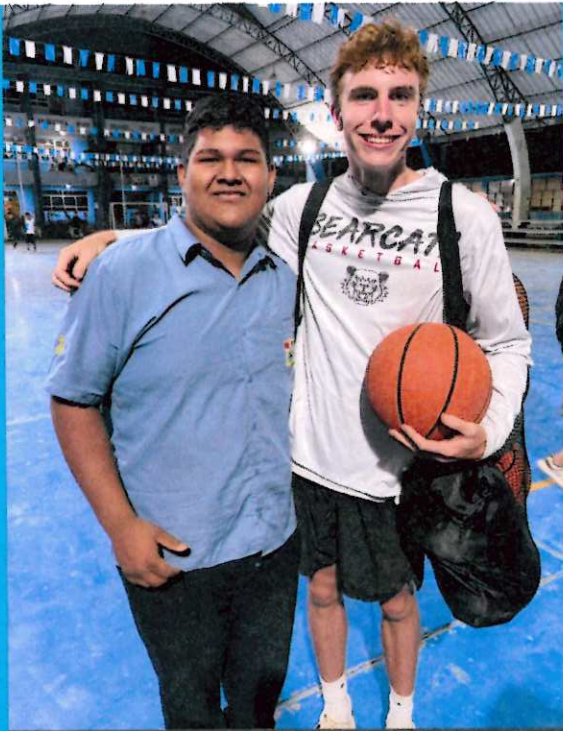
September 18, 2026--Westville Correctional Center (Westville, IN)

September 26, 2026--Racine YO Correctional Center (Racine, WI)

October 2-4, 2026--Chisago Lakes Baptist Church Missions Conference (Chisago Lakes, MN)

October 10, 2026--Lincoln Hills YO Center (Irma, WI)

October 17, 2026--Prairie Du Chien YO Center (Prairie Du Chien, WI)



Peru: Our friend was a part of the clinics last year and always wants to play against the Washer boys.



Peru: There was always a crowd around Austin. Maybe it was the hair?!



Peru: This is just a part of Hudson's daily life. He practices basketball on his own every day.



Church: Ethan taught teen Sunday School class several times. This is his senior year and then he's off to



Church: Austin helping with offering.

his senior year and then he's on to PCC to study for the ministry.



Church: Ethan and Hudson singing special music.



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