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## The Washers

Dear Friends and Family,

Our family has had a busy and wonderful summer at our home in SC! The boys have been busy attending camps, spending time with neighborhood friends and competing for their team in our church's summer program on Wednesday nights. Jonathan has preached several times at church throughout the summer and Emily has been busy in the kids classes. We are gearing up for our fall semester and we anticipate heading off to prisons in Ohio and Indiana in a few days. We were hoping to be heading to New York prisons this fall. The staff there are excited for us to visit prisons all over the state but because of their

recent strike they aren't quite ready to have us in. Please pray that they would be ready toward the end of our semester (Nov.) as there are a couple weeks we are leaving open for now in anticipation of possibly going there.

**30 Times-**-Emily realized that as we get ready to leave for our fall travels this week it will be our 30th time packing up the RV! What a momentous occasion! How do you celebrate such a milestone?

Peru Missions Trip--Loved going home...hated leaving Puerto Maldonado, Peru! I had the awesome opportunity to take my middle son Hudson to help run some evangelistic basketball clinics and soccer tournament (I took Ethan several years ago). I had him show specific skills to the kids or teens that attended the clinics. We ran more basketball clinics than I could count! We would have a class from one school spend about an hour with us learning how to better play basketball. We would preach the gospel to that group and then the next group would come. The gospel was also preached at a soccer tournament at a small village near Puerto Maldonado. During the clinics, some of the guys wanted to face Hudson one on one in basketball to see if they could beat the American and some of the girls wanted his social media information...haha! We love the Buddy Fitzgerald family and I was thrilled Hudson got to see how God has used them in such a wonderful way all these years as they pour their lives into the Peruvians. We are praying about having all our boys go back to Puerto Maldonado next year so they can run the clinics themselves and have the Fitzgerald boys translate for them. We are so thankful for 2 churches that gave specifically toward the trip--Marion Baptist Church in OH and our home church here in SC!

MacDougall and Lee Correctional Centers (Columbia, SC)--We were excited to invite guys from around South Carolina to join us in prison basketball games over several weekends this summer. Our first game at MacDougall was outside and we were losing by 4 when the game was called off due to rain. We were about to make a comeback so we will count that as a win! The 21 men under the pavilion listened very well and a couple men wanted to trust Christ. The Chaplain was thrilled at our coming and later wrote us this note--"I want to sincerely thank you for your recent visit and for sharing your

ministry with us. Your message was both powerful and uplifting, and it made a meaningful impact on the lives of the men here." Our second game of the day was in a gym and we won that game without help of a rain cancellation! Unfortunately, due to schedule issues, the prison had to ask us to quickly leave as I was finishing up the gospel message.

**Present Ministry--**West Orlando Baptist Church in Winter Garden, FL asked us to come back to their church and present the ministry of Inside the Lines with the goal of possibly taking us on for support. A friend of ours had offered for us to use his airline miles to go on a getaway trip as a couple. So we put the two together! Emily and I spent 4 days in Orlando as a couple without the boys AND had a wonderful time of fellowship with the church people while we presented the ministry to them.

**Assist Program--**We are in need of some more church members (especially men) to write to inmates using our pen pal program. Visit www.itlassist.org for more information.

Thank you so much for your faithful support!

Thank you for your kindness and encouragement!

Jonathan, Emily, Ethan, Hudson and Austin Washer

## **Schedule**

August 15-16--Basketball and Volleyball Tournament at Ohio Reformatory for Women (Marysville, OH)

Calvary Bible Church (Lima, OH)

August 29-30--Pickleball and Basketball at Allen-Oakwood Correctional (Lima, OH)

Bluelick Bible Church (Lima, OH)

September 5--Mansfield Correctional (Mansfield, OH)

Mansfield Baptist Temple (Mansfield, OH)











Peru Trip with Hudson! Pictured above are the basketball clinics and our one day jungle adventure on the river!



Ethan had the opportunity to preach to the youth group for our church's Wednesday night program!



Happy 42nd Birthday to the oldest boy in the family!







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