

CHURCH PLANTERS TO WELCH, WV

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Spring Update

Dear praying friends,

Thank you to all who prayed for our Backpack giveaway in December. We had a great turn out and praise the Lord 1 little girl trusted Christ as her Savior! We are so thankful for all of the folks who came to help us that day from Rich Creek Baptist and our home church Teays Valley Baptist! They were such a blessing.

As several of you know my wife Michelle began having some health issues towards the end of November into December this past year. In December she was hospitalized twice and has undergone many tests and seen several doctors. It has been determined she has increased intercranial pressure in her brain. A spinal tap was done that took some of the fluid off, and she has started on a medicine to help with the increased pressure. It is looking like long term she will need a shunt put in to drain the excess fluid off. Please pray with us the Lord guides us to the right people who can help her. She is feeling better, but most days is still in a lot of pain and having vision issues from the increased pressure. In addition to this our daughter has some ongoing health issues. She sees several specialists at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, and they are wanting to do some genetic testing to rule out a genetic disorder. We are currently fighting with insurance to get this approved. Please pray for this situation as well!

Our flood clean-up efforts are in the final stages. There is a few finishing things left to do and some painting but that is all! As we look back over this past year, we are so thankful for all the Lord has provided and done! On Saturday May 16th we will be having an open house for the community, as well as all of our supporting churches to come and see all that has been accomplished. Pastor John Smith from Teays Valley Baptist will be preaching a special message and we will have a meal! It will go from 12-2 to give plenty of time for folks to travel back to their homes to be in their churches the next day! We would love to have you come! There will be promotional information going out by the end of this month. Make plans to join us!

Also, Saturday May 2nd we are doing an outreach event downtown here in Welch. We will be setting up a tent, giving out food, and hygiene bags as well as passing out tracts and witnessing and inviting folks to church! Here's how you can help: Our goal is to make up a 100 hygiene bags to pass out to the community. If you would like to give to this project, please send it to our church Living Hope Baptist and put hygiene bags or outreach in the memo. Also, if you would be willing to help that day, we could use people to help us pass things out and to go out and witness around town. We would love to have you come and bring some folks or your youth group from your church! If you're interested in doing this please contact me to let me know! Please pray we would see fruit from this!

At the first of the year, we were finally able to start back our youth group. We are averaging 20-30 kids on Thursday nights! Please pray with us as we try to reach these kids! Please earnestly pray for the Lord to send us more families and we would grow! We desperately need help and really cannot grow our youth group much more without more adults to help and serve! Please pray the Lord would send people our way!

Thank you for praying for and supporting our family and the work here. It's all in His timing and for His Glory!

In Christ,

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