



The Nissen Family  
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Happy New Year!

Lamentations 3:22-23, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." We're so grateful for God's great love, His compassion, and His faithfulness! We're also very excited to see what He has in store for 2026!

"WE WILL TELL THE NEXT GENERATION THE PRAISEWORTHY DEEDS OF THE LORD, HIS POWER, AND THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE." - PSALM 78:4

We've been living in Washington for 7 years now. How time flies! We're so grateful for all God has done during the past 7 years and for all your support and prayers! Most of our work here has been church-related ministries as well as building relationships and doing discipleship outside of the church. It's been an amazing experience watching our kids step into ministry as well. Isaac is in his fifth year of youth ministry, several years in children's ministry, and is very involved with the young adult group as well as having regular Bible studies with friends. Moriah and Gabi have been helping out with children's ministry for several years and have both taught in the Sunday School. Gabi is also on the youth worship team and student leadership team. As a family, we've all grown in the past 7 years. Gabi will be graduating in May, and Debbie's work with CC and homeschooling in general will come to an end. We're praying about next steps and for doors to open in whatever work God has for us here in the coming years!

Back in November, Gabi had the opportunity to go to a worship conference with other members of our church worship team and youth worship team. She took voice workshops, attended worship services, met other young worship leaders, and learned a lot about leading worship. In December, Gabi got the opportunity to sing on our church worship team for all 3 services—her first time to help lead during regular church. She did a great job! The same service was our children's Christmas program, and Isaac got to play a role along with the kids. Super fun!



We had a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day! We enjoyed a Polar Express themed youth Christmas party (with the emphasis on believing in Jesus), a live nativity walk-through Bethlehem at another local church, a candlelight Christmas Eve service, and Christmas day with some extended family.



Prayer requests for the upcoming year:

- Pray for Cameron. He's been through one back surgery and is going to have another one soon because the first one failed. He's been in a lot of pain, has suffered lack of sleep because of this, and hasn't been able to meet up with Greg.
- Pray for Travis that he and Greg would have more opportunities to meet up. He's doing great, but being disciplined as a newer Christian is so important. He has a new job, which should give him more time for one-on-one discipleship meetings. They're hoping to meet over coffee on Fridays, so pray that this will happen on a more regular basis.
- Pray for Gabi and Moriah this year, as they both want to get regular jobs rather than just the every-now-and-then childcare jobs they've had (which they're very grateful for). We're praying for just the right jobs for them.
- Our lives will look very different after Gabi graduates. Debbie has spent over 20 years homeschooling, and our kids are now young adults! Please pray for wisdom and guidance for our family as we step into new things and make decisions. We have some ideas of what might be next, but we're praying into those. We are thankful that all of our kids are still with us right now, but when the time is right, they're going to spread their wings and fly into whatever God has for them. We don't know what that's going to look like, but we're trusting God to lead them when the time comes.
- Pray for our finances. The cost of living in Washington is high, and the state government seems to adore raising taxes on Washingtonians. Our rent is much higher than when we first moved here, but it's still considered low in comparison to similar properties in the area. We'd love to have our own house, but that's still at the impossible level (with God, all things are possible). Having said that, we are committed to staying where God has placed us and trusting that He will always provide.

Thanks for all your prayers and financial support!

Many blessings,

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