



The Nissen Family
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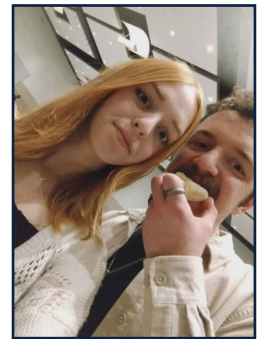


Dear family and friends,

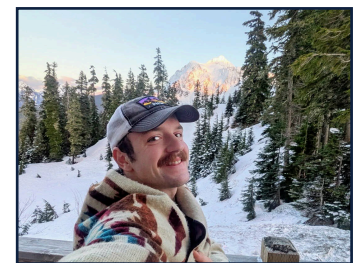
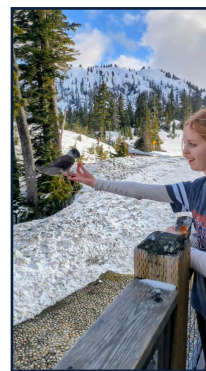
Hebrews 12:1-2 says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." This is the goal to go after: throwing off the hindrances and sin, running the race with perseverance, and fixing our eyes on Jesus!

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

Our youth group has been doing mini missions the past couple of months. One that Gabi did was a fund-raiser event for Care Net, a Christian pregnancy support organization. She helped with greeting and seating the guests during the dinner, and she got to watch the presentation, which was focused on preventing abortions and caring for pregnant women. Isaac also attended the event. Another mini mission was having a clothing drive at church and then sorting through the donations for clothing they could use at Freedom River Outreach in Tacoma. In a few weeks, a group of youth will help serve lunch and pass out clothes to the homeless.



Isaac and Gabi went on the Edge high school winter retreat last month near Mt. Baker. They had plenty of snow to play in, but most importantly, they had time to grow closer to God as they worshiped and heard messages from the Word. The theme was "Going Back to our First Love." Gabi said it was the best retreat she'd ever been on. This is also her last winter retreat as a student in the youth group. It is such a delight to see our children growing and drawing closer to the Lord in life!



Gabi's senior year is winding down. She graduates May 9 with the other seniors in our Classical Conversations community. Her plans are to get a job and join our church's young adult group with her older siblings for the next year while she prays about next steps. Right now, she hasn't decided what she wants to do. She has different options in mind, but there is no hurry.



Debbie's tutoring job with CC will also be coming to an end since Gabi is graduating, and her temporary job working with the children's ministry will be over at the end of May. However, she has just started a new part-time position with the church as the Child Care Coordinator. With lots of new families going to our church, there's an increasing need for child care at events, so Debbie is now in charge of that. It still falls under children's ministry, so her duties will be training and managing child care workers, writing age-appropriate Bible lessons so that it's more than just babysitting, and overseeing all the logistics of child care during church events.

Greg continues to focus on discipleship. As mentioned before, he has started to do regular Bible studies with a new person. It has been fairly consistent, usually meeting weekly at a local coffee shop to work through the Living Free handbook that is based on the Living Free Ministries which is our church's main operating layout. It has been very helpful as a guide for spiritual growth in the Lord. Oftentimes, our session ends with praying for each other's needs.

Greg is also starting discipleship with Cameron again. It has been a couple of months since they last met, and he is still having problems with his back. Even after two major back surgeries, it hasn't greatly improved. The doctors now want to do a surgery that will involve fusing two of his lower vertebrae together. This journey has been a rough one for Cameron, and we ask that you continue to lift him up in prayer as he seeks relief. His hunger for the Lord remains solid despite the suffering he currently endures. He is very happy to be getting back together again to walk through the Word and continue in his discipleship journey. Thank you for all your prayers!

One thing about living in the Pacific Northwest is that it can be a really beautiful place to live. We are surrounded by beauty just about everywhere we turn. Washington offers so many reminders just in nature alone that God is amazing and awesome! It's a rare gem as a state when it comes to natural beauty. But Washington has a very dark and ugly side to it as well. There is a very clear demonic attack that seems to be hanging over this state. It is seen and felt on many levels. There is a real spiritual battle that has unfolded here in the seven years that we've been here. However, despite all that, we truly believe that a great awakening is lurking for this state. Satan knows this. And it is also why he is heavily fighting to oppose this. Please pray for Washington, for awakening to break through, for souls to come to Christ and, as this happens, for the spiritual atmosphere over this state to change for the glory of God across the Pacific Northwest.

In June, we're making a trip back to Missouri to visit Debbie's family. It's hard to get away for longer periods of time like we did when we lived in England because we have to make sure we earn enough money for rent, which is ridiculously expensive in Washington, and other living expenses. We'll be in Thayer from June 15-24, so it's a very small window. The one Sunday we're there happens to be Father's Day! We're open to speak on that day, but we understand if you have a special service planned to honor fathers. If your church would like us to visit and share on Wednesday, June 17 or even Father's Day on June 21 (morning or evening), let us know! It can be brief or longer, whichever works for your church's schedule. We're also available to speak at smaller groups if it won't work for us to speak during a church service.

That's all for this month. Thanks for reading, praying, and supporting us as we live and minister in Washington.

Many blessings,
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