



Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you have sent.

John 17:3



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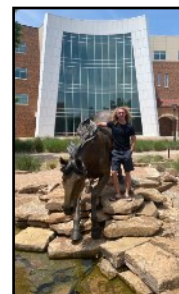
## The Cracknells

Dear family and friends,

After 6 long years, on March 23rd, we finally made a trip back to the States for a visit!! These past two months have been wonderful visiting with family and friends. We had the joy of seeing our eldest Caleb graduate Summa Cum Laude from College. It has been right under 3 years since we last saw Caleb. You know we have been LOVING this reunion! We are so very proud of him! Caleb is putting his resumes in for a job in his degree (Process Operator) meanwhile he continues to work at a local grocer where he just made manager!!



Another reason for traveling to the States at this time is that our son, Brody, graduated from High School!! (Meaning I, Amber, after 16 years of homeschool teaching, I am officially out of a homeschool job!!!) Brody will be starting MidWestern State University in Texas this coming August. He will be going for Physical Therapy. Meanwhile, for the summer, Brody is working as a lifeguard and helping train kids in physical fitness at a local Crossfit gym here in Texas.



Our Riley is here with us in the States too. She just turned 20! Riley is currently praying for the Lord to give her direction on whether she is to return to ministering beside us in the Philippines or stay here in the States. Riley will be here in the States with me (Amber) til at least August.



Kevin will be returning back to the Philippines at the beginning of June. While two months is a short visit after not being home to see family in the States, it is a very long time to be away from our teenage kids, JayAr and King, who are back home in the Philippines. It has been a wonderful visit and while we didn't see everyone, we are so blessed by all of our family and friends we were able to travel and see while Kevin was here! Beyond blessed by y'all's love and generosity!! Thank you!!!

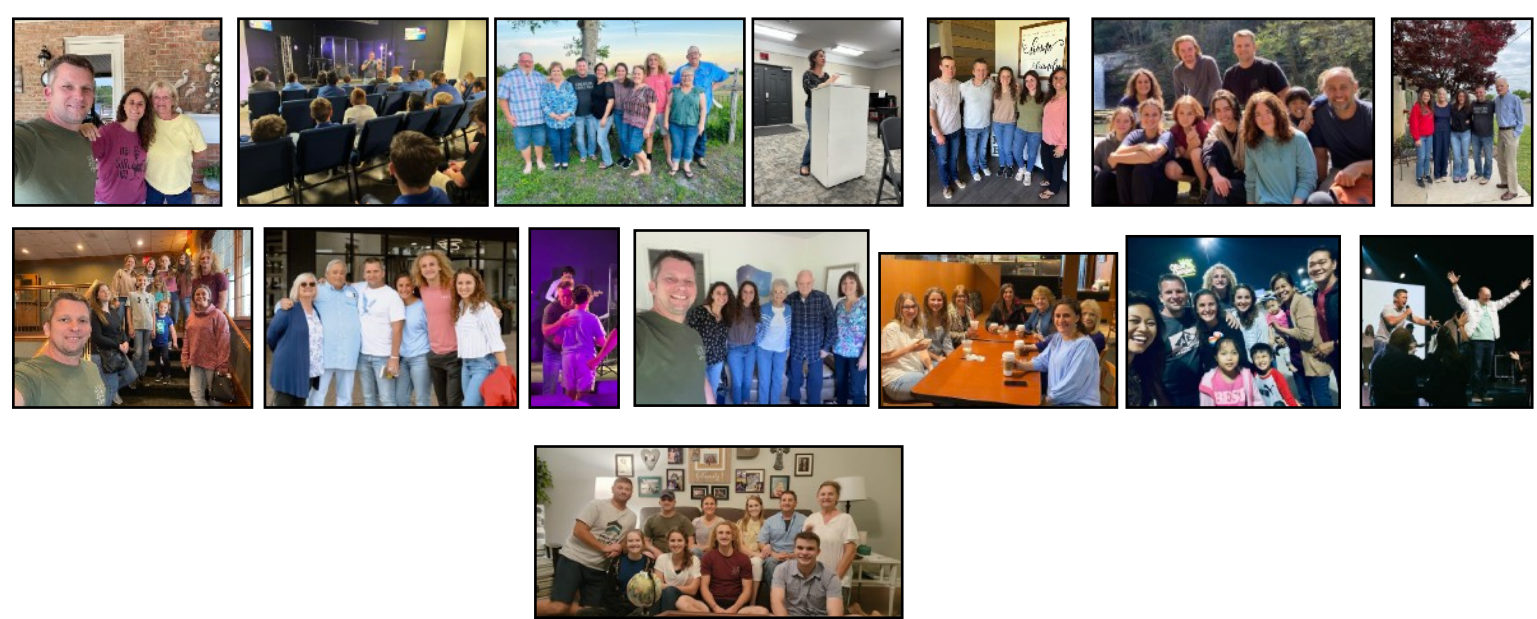
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JayAr and King (not real name) as most of you know are our foster (to adopt) children in the Philippines. JayAr, who is now 14, has been a part of our family for 9 years this month! We have been in the adoption process for the past 4 years. Last August we were advised to withdraw from the court due to a change in adoption law in the Philippines. Due to COVID shutdowns the courts were cluttered with all types of cases. One way to relieve the volume of cases coming through the court was to add on a judiciary arm to their social welfare departments. So in August of last year we withdrew from the court and started the process of going through NACC of DSWD in the Philippines. This process is new and it has taken 9 months now for them to work out kinks and have ready for us adopting parents all the requirements needed to submit our case. Another reason for traveling home when we did was to obtain this requirement. Kevin and I have signed before a notary this requirement and it is now in process to be authenticated which will take a couple months. But YAY!! I am praying by the time August comes it will be in my hands to take home to the Philippines and start once again JayAr's adoption process. Pray with us as we have been told this route is faster. We are believing by Fall next year the adoption will be final.

King is younger than JayAr and has been with us 4 years. His case is a sensitive case and we are not at liberty to talk about it. If you see a kid with emoji glasses or an emoji smiley covering his face in pictures on our social media accounts, that is our amazing kid who God has blessed our family with. We plan on raising him through the Philippines foster system. Please pray with us that God would move upon his case that we may adopt him. Currently JayAr and King are with our team in the Philippines. Brielyn, one of our amazing HMKB Team members, got her foster license so that she could watch our kids while we made this trip home to the States. So blessed by this amazing woman of God. Pray for me as I miss my JayAr and King. So glad Kevin gets to go home and be with them.

I, Amber, want to thank everyone for all your prayers for me and my son who was hospitalized alongside me, Tetanus, and JayAr, Dengue. We both have fully recovered and our doing amazing! As Kevin travels back home to our boys and ministry in the Philippines, I will be remaining through the summer here in Texas. My goal is to get everything ready for Brody to transition to College in the Fall, as well as wait on my adoption requirements to take back with me to the Philippines in August. I'm so excited to get more time with family and friends here in Texas ESP my kids!!! I just love seeing my Caleb everyday again!! And I am enjoying everyday with my Brody and Riley as I may be saying see ya later not to just Brody but Riley come August. Please pray as God works everything out for all my kids!

Speaking of all my kids, MaryAnn is pregnant!! She is due this October! Please be in agreement with us that she will carry this precious baby full term and that the baby is healthy. MaryAnn and Jasper have experienced three miscarriages and are believing God for life for their beloved baby.

The ministry in the Philippines is going awesome!! We have an amazing team. We are so blessed that even while we are not there the ministry just keeps on going!

Thank you to all who opened your homes and church doors to our family while we have been here traveling in the States. We were so blessed to visit and fellowship with you all. You are all in our hearts and prayers!

Love,  
Kevin and Amber Cracknell



