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Dear family and friends,

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17). What great advice! And, the verses before this one speak to what our lives should look like as followers of Christ. “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts” (Colossians 3:12-16). As you go through life, day by day, I encourage you to live by these verses.

“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 had a busy month from Easter and Greg’s birthday to Gabi’s graduation and Mother’s Day. We’ve had some church events (Biblical Citizenship and Living Set Free), and we celebrated the last day of Classical Conversations. Greg is back to meeting up with Cameron since his back surgery. Now, we’re praying for what’s ahead on this grand adventure!

Our big news for this past month is our youngest, Gabriela Rose, graduating from high school! We finished Classical Conversations at the end of April, and Gabi graduated on May 9. The Challenge levels in CC are not necessarily based on grade levels, and since Gabi started her 9th grade year in Challenge B because the Challenge I class was full, she graduated out of Challenge III, which often happens. She graduated with 9 of the Challenge IV students, most of whom she has known since middle school. Her graduation included worship, a speech to the grads, short speeches by the grads to everyone they wanted to thank, and presentation of diplomas by parents to their students. The above verse (Colossians 3:17) is one that I put on Gabi’s diploma. After her graduation, we had ice cream at her favorite ice cream shop, had a hot dog roast at home, and went to a beach to watch the sunset. She will have a graduation party with all her friends next month. We are so proud of Gabi for her accomplishments, and we rejoice with her for how she has grown over the past four years and for all that God has in store for her future.



With Gabi's graduation comes the end of Debbie's homeschooling era. So, now we're just praying about what's next! Meanwhile, we have a new sort of parenting job - guiding our young adults as they make life decisions and continue to grow strong in the Lord. Gabi plans to stay home and work for the upcoming year before she decides on any future schooling. She has plenty of options, but she's not sure yet what she wants to do. Moriah wants to find a more steady job than childcare (though she enjoys childcare), and Isaac is looking into better-paying career options for the future as well (though he loves his current job). So, there's plenty to pray about! We'll keep you updated as new things happen for our family.

As mentioned above, Greg is once again meeting up with Cameron. There is some good news regarding his back. He is pain free! That was the greatest struggle he battled with concerning his back issues. For the last 2 years he struggled with a lot of pain that made it hard for him to walk and get around.. He has had two surgeries this year, the first was not so successful, but the second was. And now he is moving around without pain. With that said, we are now back on track with doing discipleship, working through the book of Romans. They have chosen to tackle books of the Bible individually to gain a deeper focus of God's word. It has been a great joy honing in more specifically on individual books of the Bible. Cameron continues to grow in the Lord along the way. And so does Greg. Thank you for standing with and praying for Cameron!

We are heading to Missouri in June for a long-overdue family visit. Let us know if you'd like to meet up for fellowship and/or to hear what we've been doing in Washington. We will be there June 16-23 (not counting travel days).

Thanks for your prayers and support!

Blessings,  
The Nissen family

