

# Merry Christmas from The Heyboers!



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**For with God nothing shall be impossible.** Luke 1:37

Dear Prayer Partners and Supporters,  
We hope in Christ you had a blessed Thanksgiving.

Our God is so faithful, and we truly have so much to be thankful for. This year we can praise God that in all things He has been faithful, our Present Helper, our

Encourager, Comforter and Provider. Lamentations 3:22-23 "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS."

We thank God for all He has done this year. We hope you are getting our email updates through the year. In all God has been good. Thank you to each of you for your years of partnering with us in prayer and support. We are so thankful for how God continues to care for our family in amazing ways for our daily needs.

In January David, Keith and a friend built a sled for one of the snow machines. They are hoping to build a second one this winter, since camp uses them to carry gear and mushing (taking campers up). Right before winter camps started, Wixi's brother (who we have not been able to see for almost 8 years) was able to visit for a week. He helped us some around camp, and it was so fun to show Wilmer (a Caribbean man) the work and joys of living in winter land. **Winter Camps were a sweet blessing**, and we were able to run camps and serve many (around 110). There were even higher numbers than in the past years for teen camp. **Praise God for all the help. Please pray for the upcoming camps Winter 2022, for safety, helpers, the speakers, and campers.** Pray for wisdom and for the work that needs to be done so the equipment is ready to run.

We finished camps and took a trip for spring break to visit friends in Colorado. The following Sunday our pastor preached on Job. Then Pastor and his wife helped us pack our car. God, in His mercy, had us in the perfect place to prepare us to go be with Mom Heyboer and the rest of David's family. He supplied for us to travel and encouraged us all through those weeks during Dad's hospitalization and entering heaven. Yet, in our hard days, **we could see God's goodness and care over all.** Dad's last preaching in our church was on Job's questions, and he came to the conclusion in His sermon with Job 19:25 "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:" Jesus took my place and died on the cross for me.

When we got home, David went right back to camp. We had to go to Shriners to check Anah Grace's legs. We found out another surgery was coming. We were really concerned for her emotionally so we prayed and talked to the doctors. Our kind God gave her the easiest recovery from anesthesia yet. God is so good! When we returned, we tried to finish school. It truly was a rough year of schooling. But praise God they finished, and they are doing well on their classes this year!

After we returned, living in a small town everyone knew what happened. Dad's homegoing brought more opportunities to share the Gospel, and God continued to be good even in the midst of a storm. What a blessing it is to know Christ. What a blessing to serve a living Savior. We try to be very vocal around our town and at camp, sharing God's goodness, how He is the answer to each of our needs, and our hope. God is good. Pray and Praise Him! It will drive away discontentment and fear.

**Summer was so joyful!** There were 11 Salvations and many other decisions. **The summer staff God provided was a blessing.** This year's crew worked hard and prayed hard, and God answered! God gave us all safety, health, strength and a fruitful summer. **Please pray that God will give us another godly crew for the 2022 summer staff, volunteers, cooks, and helpers, and that they will all have a desire to serve our God with our team.** David's nephew was part of our crew this past summer, and David truly enjoyed investing in Him. God brought around 240 campers with several from our community, it truly was a privilege to see campers memorize scripture, singing, playing and encouraging one another. **Our kids grew in the Lord, and they were so excited to once more be a camper and serve campers. It was truly a joy to serve many this summer.** David's mom and his sister's family were able to come visit for 2 weeks. It was so good to see them on the weekends, and Mom enjoyed showing them around.

**Many things got done this summer at camp.** David guided volunteers, but mostly kept things running for camp like heavy equipment, appliances, or gas, or electric, plumbing, and other things. We praise God for his help, for the many volunteers and for the other staff members who helped also. God is so good and has given David wisdom, health, strength and help to continue on. The big question is: Is the Lodge done? Not yet. We thank God for the many helpers, givers, and prayer warriors who encourage us to press on. We have a pump room started; we have 2 of the 3 tanks set on their place (close to the Lookout Tower). Yet, they still need to be insulated. We have the water pipe to those in. (This is all a fire department requirement). The railing for the front upstairs porch is almost done. The fire suppression system continues to be worked on. Septic tanks are in and connected. Water supply and waste plumbing rough-in is done. We have 95% of the electrical rough-in, and 5 sets of exterior doors are in, thanks to many hands. Now they are also working to finish the other set of boys' bathrooms. Please pray for David, Dean, Keith, and Dick. With all of their own responsibilities, they help David a lot. When we were missionary builders, we had this verse on our prayer card "...for the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4:6b. Would you pray for strength for us all, for help, and the finances to finish this project? **Our camp goal is to serve so many can know Christ as their Savior, grow spiritually in the Lord or that God will encourage them and heal their hearts.**

We praise God that we had around 30 for Ladies' Retreat this fall. It was actually a lower number, yet what a true joy to see God work in each of them and to see them grow and be encouraged. As we started school, we also started preparing for providing candy and Bible tracts to our town trick or treaters. We had 145 Bible tracts ready for Halloween, but by the time the night was over we gave out 194 of them. It truly is a joy to share the Gospel on that day even though it is a day I don't really like. We pray that God will use them.

This last month we drove to Salt Lake City again for Anah Grace's appointment to get two new pairs of shoes with her left lift on (1.5 inch). God supplied for our many drives this summer from camp to therapies and church. God supplied for our homeschool materials, for our extra needs and even gifts that cover the extra expenses of higher prices. This weekend as we look at our books, we can see God's care every month for needs even before they arose. God knows us so well and is a great Father!

We had many volunteers who serve in amazing ways getting lots done all through this year and we even have some that continue to come even now as the guys go up and down the mountain. Thank you for praying, investing, or/and helping our family to serve here. **To God be the Glory for all the Things He has done!** "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:13. **Have a Bless Merry Christmas! Luke 2:10-11** "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Serving Christ, in His care, David & Wixi, Anah Grace, Leonard and Joseph Heyboer





## A Thank you note from The Heyboers

"Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful." "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."  
Psalm 116:5, 15.

Dear Praying Friends,  
Thank you!

We have thought about this thank-you note so many times. Praise God, we are doing well, and staying very busy at camp like you will read in our newsletter. This year we have had grieving times and even though it is not fun, it is healthy. The verses above are so real to us. Dad was a wonderful man, not perfect, but truly a godly counselor to us and a blessing. We rejoice in the fact that one day we will be together once more, but this time worshipping our Father, Savior, Friend, Counselor and much more. So, for now we know that God continues to be faithful and raises a new generation to faithfully serve Him. Our goal at this time is to teach our children and others to be one of the faithful.

What a blessing you all have been this year. God has used you to encourage each one of us. Thank you! Our kids have seen God supply in different ways and are learning to trust God during the hard seasons knowing that God is walking right beside us. God is good and faithful in all His ways. And what a privilege it is to serve Him and to teach our children and even our community that Christ is good and answers prayer saying yes, no, wait or surprise! At the end of March and beginning of April, we were finished the book of Deuteronomy and started Joshua. This following verse was a true anchor of hope: Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." God, in His faithfulness through each of you, provided for our extra needs during that month. We had friends send money for gas, food, transportation and other things.

Here is a fun provision that really stayed in our hearts. As Dad was getting sicker, we knew we had to plan for food for the long wait. We couldn't prepare meals, but Wixi called a friend who helped her with a meal plan and where to find things at Sam's Club for as many that were coming to Mom's home. By the time Wixi finished, someone asked, "Are you sure you guys can pay for this?" (When you live in a small town, you are used to just being prepared to not visit the store for a while) David and I just smiled, and said God will supply! (We talked about it and prayed before we went to the store). The day of the funeral, our camp director and a friend came, both of them with gifts. Wixi started reading cards and by the end, God had supplied the exact amount for that grocery run. Not only did this encourage us then, but while crying and remembering, we shared this with our family members and all smiled because of God's provision. It was a true miracle!

You may not have attended the service, but God used you to encourage our family and extended family. God supplied us with safety and even provided for us to work on little adjustments in Mom's house before we left so she could better reach things.

When this season started, God used Dad (as a soldier) to encourage us to press on and to serve in faith knowing that if God called him home, it was because God had chosen that from the beginning of time - that time to leave this temporary home, but not just because of a sickness. Dad also said, God will not say "What are you doing here? I expected you in five years." He was an encourager and a true prayer warrior! We rejoice that God prepared us from the start! We thank God that we can trust in His goodness and we praise Him that even now He is faithful to sustain us.

"Psalm 33:20-21 Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name." We continue to trust our God, and we thank you again for uplifting us in prayer. Thank you for praying for mom. We want you to know that God is answering your prayers. He continues to help and encourage us. Thank you for praying!

In Christ's service, *David, Wixi, Anah Grace, Allen, and Joseph Heyboer*