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## July - September 2017 Update

We wanted to begin this update by thanking God for adding to our family and answering our prayers for a healthy baby boy and Mama! Alexa gave birth to our third child, Pearce, on August 23rd and we are adjusting to life with three children ages three and under as we continue to push through to the end of our time on deputation.

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Pearce Crittenden was born on August 23rd, 2017. Mama and baby are both healthy and doing well!

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### Support Level at 97%!

The end of summer was an extremely busy time for us personally and in our ministry as well. While Alexa and the kids stayed in Phoenix and settled in to our new home to await the baby, I stayed on the road in the weeks prior to the due date. I had the opportunity to travel and present our ministry in Florida, Louisiana, and Idaho during this time. While in Idaho I also was able to preach at a youth conference, and it was a blessing to see the Lord work in the hearts of the young people there. God has continued to bless our efforts, and as

### Visitors at Bible Study!

On September 18th we met again for our monthly Bible Study and were thrilled to have 18 people in attendance. What was even more thrilling was to see a first-time visitor from the area and returning visitors from the previous Bible Study. The excitement continues to build in these preliminary meetings, as word continues to spread and the response has increased. We plan to hold one more Bible Study in the Schwanke's home in October and then move the location of the meetings to the school. It is our desire to continue to develop a

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of our financial goal! We are entering our last month of our scheduled meetings and will be in many Missions Conferences during that time. We thank the Lord for His provision and for His hand on the work thus far!

### Food for Teachers

Even though we are still a few months out from our opening service, we want to develop a good relationship with the school even now. The last week of September Alexa and I were able to bring lunch to the staff and introduce ourselves and the church. We enjoyed our time with them, and overall the staff was excited that we would be using their facility to hold services. (The chocolate chip cookies helped too!)

build our prospect list leading up to our grand opening service in just a few months.

### Can You Help?

It is hard to believe that fall is upon us and the holidays will be here in no time! After Christmas we will have only six weeks before our grand opening service Feb. 11th and we could use as much help as possible spreading the word. If you are able to take a Saturday in January or the early part of February to help saturate our area with invitations it would be greatly appreciated! Please contact us using the information below. Thank you!

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### *Praise Reports*

1. Healthy and safe birth of our son
2. We have almost reached full support
3. Received check from sister church to purchase nursery equipment

### *Prayer Requests*

1. Raise remainder of support in final month of travel
2. Next Bible Study October 12th
3. To see fruit from our outreach efforts

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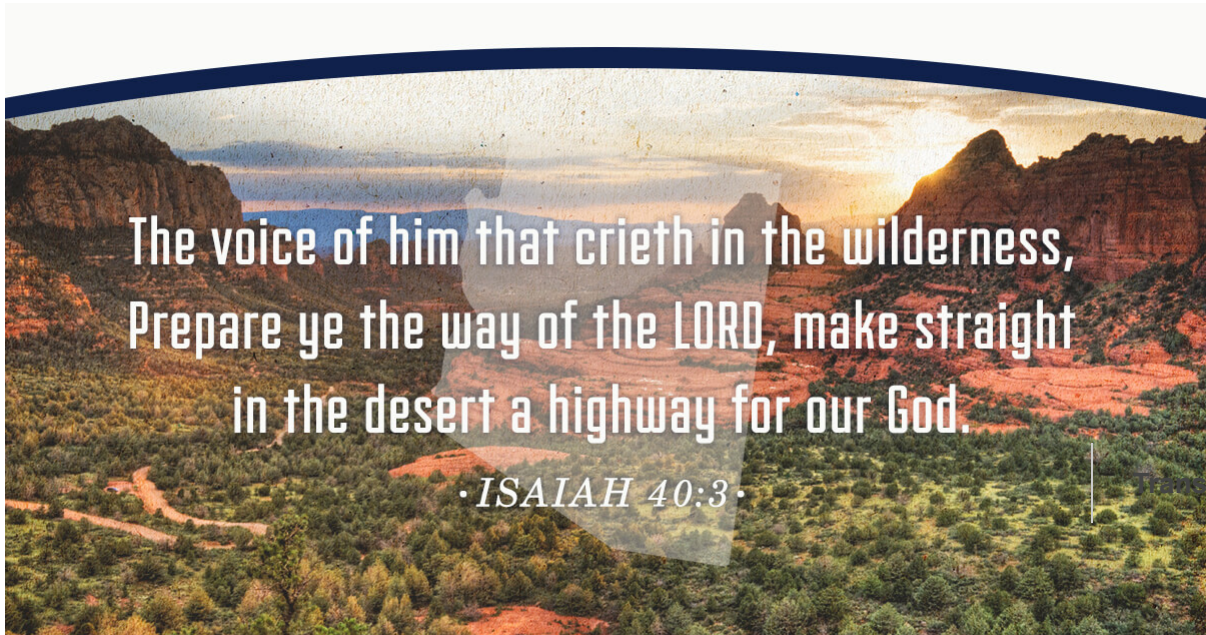
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