



## Thanks for praying; please keep it up!

The last several months have been **challenging**:

- Our baby **hospitalized overnight** after dehydration from flu (Maggie),
- Frustrating **oral allergy** that neither the pediatrician nor the allergy specialist can alleviate (daughter),
- **Moderate depression** (Nate),
- **Miscarriage** at 9 weeks,
- **Worst treatment** Paula's ever faced – from folks who had attended our church.

*Please pray for God's strength!*



Maggie & Mama



Jed (4<sup>th</sup> birthday) & Mama Paula

Responses to the **CTR Church Pastor Fund** request in our last newsletter enabled us to:

- ✓ Replace our broken oven
- ✓ Repair our van and minivan

*Other special projects waiting to be funded:*

- ⇒ Replace the microwave
- ⇒ Plumb hot water into the 3rd bathroom,
- ⇒ Replace broken pieces of music equipment.

**Many thanks to those who gave to the Pastor Fund!!!**



Nate preaching at Bethlehem Revisited Christmas program

**Our church leadership retreat** in January:

- **General consensus:** no reason for any big changes.
- **Nate was challenged to:**
  - ✓ take Sabbath rests more seriously,
  - ✓ provide more pastoral care for single women in the church (together with Paula),
  - ✓ spend less time doing secretarial work.

*Pray that Nate can effectively implement these changes!*



Amos (center w/ beard) with his new speech & debate club (Can you identify the 5 Wilson kids in the photo?)

### Preaching/Teaching Ministry:

- Nate starts sermons on I Peter after Resurrection Day (listen at [www.ctrchurch-mhk.org/sermon](http://www.ctrchurch-mhk.org/sermon))
  - New Testament Greek Class (10 students!)
  - Bradley childbirth education class (5 couples!)
- Please pray for wisdom whether to teach another childbirth class right away (supplementary income) or do our parenting Bible study next (no extra income but more Bible-teaching opportunity).*

## We'd love to see you:

- **April 17** – Beni's Senior Music Composition Recital, All Faiths Chapel, K-State University - with special appearance by our family band!
- **April 22-24** – Speech & Debate Tournament, Omaha
- **May 9** – Peter's High School Graduation, and Scottish Country Dance Graduation Party for Peter & Beni
- **May 16** - Beni's graduation from K-State!

## Keep praying for people in previous prayer letters too!

- Remember the **newlywed soldier**? Please keep praying for him and his wife.
- Remember the **guy who started a campus ministry** last year? Please pray for him and his wife as they transition to jobs in Texas.
- Remember the **families who had adopted children**? One of the guys just got back safely after being deployed against ISIS. Pray for them as they are also in transition.
- Remember our son **Josh** in law school? God provided a good summer internship with a federal judge. Pray for a great learning experience!
- Remember our son **Beni**, who was elected county commissioner? He's loving it, even though it's been a steep learning curve, and there are tough decisions to make – especially when he's the one dissenting vote and he knows he'll be asked by the media to explain!
- Remember our son **Amos**, who was hoping to get an internship at Polyface Farms? God instead provided a PERFECT six-month internship in Wyoming (<http://dunetosk9.com>). Our son **Peter** plans to be there for two months, as well.



Beni being sworn in as Riley County Commissioner



Amos treated the family to an afternoon of horseback riding at a ranch where he's been training horses. (Left Irene & Amos, Right: Hope, Nate, Jed, Betsy, & Peter)



## Kid's Corner: Hope Victoria (our 8<sup>th</sup> child)

I'm taking an online art class and studied shading this week, where you draw hard with the pencil and smudge it out with your finger, or shade lightly with the side of the pencil. I'm also learning Scottish country dancing from my brother Amos. One of my favorite dances is the pat-a-cake one we do to the *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* barn dance music. I'm planning to play the keyboard for "You Can Call Me Al" in Beni's Senior Recital in a couple of weeks. Our family is practicing other songs, too, where I have taken over biggest brother Josh's job as mandolin player.

In Greek class, we're learning about cases, like if the nominative is doing something, the accusative is what it's doing it to. In my free time, I like to jump on the trampoline or play house with Aletheia and Betsy or read the next book in the *Little House* series. I'm also learning to cook – I made Dutch Babies last night! You make them with milk, eggs, flour and butter, and then put lemon juice and honey on top! In my last Kid's Corner three years ago, I asked for prayer to get along with my next-younger sister Alé, but I'm getting along well with her now, so please pray that I can be nice to my little brother Jed and that I can read up to I Corinthians in the New Testament by my 11<sup>th</sup> birthday in November!

