

## “War Room” Briefing

The frequent sound of machine gun fire from the Ft. Riley practice range 2 miles from our house mirrors the spiritual realities we are facing. This year we have needed more **medical interventions** for our health and more trips to the mechanic for **car problems** than ever before, plus we’ve experienced the grief of **slander** and **broken relationships** and **two miscarriages**. In the church this year, we have had to help with self-injury and **suicide threats**, **mental illness**, **sexual sin**, **domestic conflict**, **abuse**, and **divorce**. We are in a WAR ZONE and are feeling a bit shell-shocked. Your support through prayer is inestimably strategic!



Army training in the fields near our house.

- Thanks for praying for our kids’ movie, *Shadows*. It is looking fantastic and has done well in its first showing at a (small) film festival! Beni didn’t end up composing music for it. (He’s working on the soundtrack for another independent movie, *The Pit*). Our kids are now polishing *Shadows* for professional distribution. (Check out the trailer at [https://www.mediafire.com/folder/w9invbn4dan69/Shadows\\_Trailer](https://www.mediafire.com/folder/w9invbn4dan69/Shadows_Trailer))
- Your prayers for the NCFCA national speech tournament in Minnesota were appreciated. Peter, Grace Anne, and Irene performed admirably, and Amos enjoyed his new role as coach. Their highest honor was Grace Anne taking 11th place in the nation with her dramatic interpretation of *China Cry*. (See video of this and other pieces at [http://www.natewilsonfamily.net/kids\\_art.htm](http://www.natewilsonfamily.net/kids_art.htm))
- Thanks also for praying for our older boys’ **summer internships**. Josh had a wonderful experience clerking for a federal judge. Amos and Peter’s, on the other hand, ended unexpectedly abruptly. Peter is now interning for LightSys, a computer-related ministry (which is going very well), and we’re enjoying having Amos working back in Manhattan for the fall.
- We are also thankful that **God has provided financially** to bring us from a very tight spot at the beginning of the year.



Peter takes a break at the national speech tournament to play bubbles with little brother Jed.



Nate reading to his “littles” – Maggie and Jed

- And thanks for praying for our health. The **respiratory colds** finally went away, but Paula’s **gallstones** are still there. Now we’re in **fall allergy season**, which is a physical drain on several of us.
- Thanks also for praying for our parents. We had a lovely exclusive family gathering in Alabama for Mom & Dad Wilson’s **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**, followed by a visit from Mom Shetter from Georgia to make plans for the future.
- Thanks for praying for our teaching ministries: Nate has started a **study on spiritual leadership** that seems to be connecting very well for some young fathers, and his N.T. **Greek class** is still going strong too!
- Meanwhile, the team that Nate is on to develop **reference material for Wycliffe Bible translators** is still crawling along. As of this fall, II Thess. and I Tim. are finalized, II Tim. and Titus are ready for editing, and Nate is starting Hebrews!
- Nate’s **Sunday sermon series on I Peter** also seems to be connecting very practically with our congregation. (You can read or hear these sermons online at <http://ctrchurch-mhk.org/sermon>.) Thanks also for praying for **Nate’s Sabbaths** and rest. He brought work hours into a good range over the summer, but the fall brings more activity in this university town, so please keep praying!



*Family reunion for Ken & Leslie Wilson's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We are just to the right of center in the photo.*

## Ministry Update from Beni

Over my years as a student, I've realized how strategic college ministry is, so now that I've graduated, **I'm volunteering part-time for Cru** (Campus Crusade) at K-State! This includes leading small group studies, organizing larger events, and mentoring and discipling students. I have also been helping out with **international student ministry**. Please **pray** that God would give me and the other staff **strength** to do all the work that He has for us. If you are interested in **joining my prayer team** and receiving monthly updates about my work with Cru, **please write me** at BenWilsonKS@gmail.com, and I can add you to my email list.

Also, I'm excited to be taking a **mission trip to East Asia** this November! The trip costs about \$1,500 per person, so I'm trying to raise that amount. **Would you be able to contribute?** You can give online at <https://give.cru.org/0793359> or mail a check (made out to Cru) to our home address at the bottom of the page. **Please pray** that the trip would go **smoothly**, that we would be able to **share the gospel** with many Asian students, and that all who go will **grow spiritually** through the experience.



*Beni (left) takes a rare break to sing with Amos and Maggie*



## Kid's Corner: Elizabeth Mercy Wilson

I'm 6½ now. Since my last Kid's Corner 3 years ago, I've lost my first tooth, I've gotten strong enough to push the trundle bed in, I've started reading and writing, and I can cook eggs for Jed and Maggie – and even help make chocolate chip cookies! One of my favorite things to do is go out for a birthday meal at a restaurant – just me and Papa – and we talk about things, like what I've read in Genesis for my quiet times. I also like playing spies in the backyard with Megan (our neighbor). We had a special tea party with Grandmamma and (Cousin) Gia. I didn't understand much what they were saying, but we had tea, of course... and tea-ring, fried apples, and Dutch Babies. I'm looking forward to winter because we can build snowmen, and Josh comes home for Christmas, and we can go sledding! I'd like you to **pray that I'd grow up to love God** and be one of His people.

