

## Reassembling



**LEFT:** Folks from our church put on an evangelism seminar! Nate (back center) gave coaching in how to share with Muslims. **CENTER:** Dedication of daughter Irene & Jacen's new baby Annie! **RIGHT:** Nate's Men's Bible Study at prayer in his office.

As life begins returning to normal, we have found ourselves:

- helping those who have lived in much isolation over the past year,
- planning events for large groups again after a year of mostly small-group meetings in homes,
- receiving more invitations to social events than usual,
- helping lots of people move to new homes/apartments,
- getting COVID ourselves & quarantining for 2 weeks.

It has been great to renew relationships in the community and to see all our church members gathering together again in weekly worship.

The parenting seminars and the manhood Bible study went very well over the spring. Now this Summer, we are focusing on teaching a worship guitar class and a childbirth education class (in addition to Nate's sermon series on 1 Samuel). Meanwhile, our elders have started a Wednesday night Bible study for the whole church!

## Family News In Photos



**Celebrating Jacen & Irene's wedding (a year late) & Lillian's high school graduation with a Scottish Country Dance & dinner! (Nate is close to the left, son Peter is in the center with Jed & Maggie in front of him, Hope and Amos are towards the right.)**



**Left to right:** Maggie holds her new niece Nora, Lillian lays a violin track for the new Living Room Hymns album, Alé & Betsy on the John Deere, Lillian's high school graduation ceremony, Our kids-at-home making a movie with another family!

## Kid's Corner: Elisabeth Mercy (12 yrs old)

In my last Kid's Corner, I was about a quarter of the way through the Bible; I am now over halfway through, and I have memorized several more verses. I have advanced my cooking skills and am now making dinner for the family once a week! These past few years I have had more chances to babysit, and I really enjoy doing that. At Christmas Mama and Papa gave us kids a camera! I love taking photos and want to be a photographer some day. On the family front, I am

very excited to be an aunt of 12! (Soon to be 15!) Some of my favorite memories of this last year are our family shindig, the births of my nieces Nora and Annie, and shooting guns at a friend's house! Please pray that I will have a good attitude when I can't do the things that my older sisters are doing, and pray that I will grow to be a woman of God.



Betsy, our 10<sup>th</sup>-born



## Mission Trip to Belize!

On September 30, Nate is planning to take a small team, including our daughters Lillian & Hope, to Belize to spend a week with an MTW missionary doing church development in the Spanish-speaking agricultural north. Our objectives are to encourage this missionary family, to serve the needy at a medical clinic, and for Nate to preach a Saturday gospel seminar and minister on Sunday at a church that doesn't have its own pastor. **Would you consider giving a special donation to cover the costs of this trip?** Checks can be made out to CTR Church, designated for "Belize Mission Trip."



- Praise God for the safe births of 3 more grandchildren: **Nora to Amos & Magali, Annie to Jacen & Irene, and Henry to Peter & Hope!** Pray for good health for our **next 3** grandchildren yet-to-be-born, and for **Jandi, Rachel, and Grace Anne** as they carry them to term!
- Praise God for His grace over the years in bringing our daughter **Lillian** to the point of high school graduation. Please pray for her to catch on quickly to the things she needs to learn about being an adult and for God's clear guidance in this next season of life.
- Praise God for our son **Peter's** graduation from NCK Tech with a certificate in welding and for winning gold in a multi-state welding competition! Pray for him, **Hope**, and their son **Evan** as they adjust to their new baby and as they adjust to a new location, where Peter is getting more training in welding engineering technology.
- Praise God for three new **deacons!** Pray for wisdom for **Amos, Clay, and Jacen** (as well as for **Brian** who was ordained previously) to lead CTR church well in mercy ministry.
- Pray for our **elders, Chip and Mark**, as they begin Wednesday night Bible studies for our church after a year of quarantining and distancing. Pray for rich renewal of fellowship for the church!
- Pray for **Paula** and her family as they mourn the passing of her father and make ongoing plans with her mother.



Hope, Maggie, Betsy, and Jed love the library summer reading program!

