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Top 8 Things We Are THANKFUL For...

- 1. Team Retreat...we had our annual team planning retreat this month, and identified what we believe are God-given goals to pursue for the coming year. We are thankful for the unity on our team. Although Maureen has transitioned on to another role with International Teams, Lindsey and Michele are persevering with us in preaching the good news to the poor, bringing liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and setting free the oppressed.
- **2.** Huddle...the discipleship huddle Scott is leading is growing in Christ, and has decided that on a monthly basis they will stand on a strategic corner of an intersection in Rockwood, hand out free food and drinks, and ask people if they would like someone to pray for them. We have done this twice so far, and it has encouraged us, as well as the neighbors in Rockwood.
- **3.** As Is Church...the longer we are here, the more we love our church! The authenticity and humility (beginning with the leaders), the perseverance and faith of

people with very broken lives, the redemption and compassion of Jesus working in and through His people, the relationships and vision for reaching Rockwood for Christ...are just a few of the things we love. Check it out at: www.asischurch.com

- **4.** Needs that are being met...our Iteams account was heading into the red when we received two very generous gifts this month that put us firmly back in the black for now. We are grateful for all our monthly supporters as well as the occasional/anonymous gifts that God uses to meet our needs.
- **5.** Kendra, Steve, and our granddaughter Phoebe spent 3 weeks with us in October! It was a fun, relationship-building, memory-making time together during which we all enjoyed each other and fell deeper in love with Phoebe!
- **6. Family...**we are so grateful that the life of Vicki's father was spared after his massive stroke in September. However, recovery is going to be a long hard road. Even as I write this, we just learned he needs to leave the rehab facility he has been in by Friday, and there is confusion about where to go and what to do. We still hope to spend a few hours with her dad on Thanksgiving day. Thanks for continuing to pray. Updates at: https://www.youcaring.com/scott-and-joyce-bilderback-448228/update/393578

We are so grateful for our biological family as well as the family of God that has generously showered us all with loving prayers and financial support. That's YOU! THANK YOU!

- 7. Unity...seeds of unity are being planted amongst the churches in Rockwood. We have a long way to go but our current steering committee is made up of wonderful godly people who care about the Kingdom in Rockwood. The next "big" thing is a collaborative worship event in the spring of 2016. Other smaller things are happening along the way that fill us with hope and gratitude.
- **8. Love, Life, Laughter...our Lord...**we could go on and on because He has blessed us in so many ways--physically, materially, spiritually, etc. With so many uncertainties and chaotic events going on in the world today, we are grateful that Jesus is LORD, and He is sovereign.











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