

Happy May, brothers and sisters! I hope this letter finds you all in good health. The new school quarter is in full swing, and we have a wonderful lineup of classes: World Religions, Ministry Practicum, Conversational Debate, Premillennialism, Problems Facing the Church, and The Parables of Jesus. I am ahead of my workload, at least for now. Rob Whitacre from HTH will be stopping by the school again the first week of May to present some evangelism training; the students are looking forward to it. At the end of this quarter, there are two events. First, there is the LINK camp for young men ages 10-17. This camp is designed to help young men develop confidence to one day serve in worship, develop good Bible study habits, and develop effective communication, conflict-resolution, and servant-leader character traits. The dates are June 22nd-24th. If anyone is interested in attending, please reach out to the school or me. The second event is graduation. Due to my start time, I still have until January; however, the school holds its graduation in June and has us “wrap arounds” walk early. If you are interested in attending this event, it will be held on Friday, June 26th, and it may also be livestreamed. I will provide more details in the June Update. Again, I still have until January. This is not the finish line for me.

Savannah is doing great; her vocabulary is increasing, she is very intuitive and picks up things pretty fast, it's honestly terrifying. Her favorite things to do currently are playing outside and playing with our dog. She has learned that fruit snacks or “knack knacks” are her favorite food. This has become a bit problematic as it seems to be all she wants to eat! She is doing great otherwise and continues to grow.

Sierra is doing well. She continues to work part-time at the church. She is an excellent mother and an incredible wife, and I know I would not be where I am or who I am today without her. I am doing well also. School keeps me busy; I am finishing out the quarter with the 5th and 6th graders, showing them some evidence of why the Bible is a reliable document. I continue to work with the prison ministry as well, trying to encourage the brethren we have and convert those who are not.

Thank you for the continued prayers and support you give to us. We pray often for you all, thanking God for your love, willingness, and sacrifice. We are almost there, only 9 months (counting May). Please pray for us as we begin to look for a congregation to work with. This month, we will begin searching.

In Christian Love, Nathan, Sierra, and Savannah Tate

P.S. The Director of our School, Bill Haywood, is raising funds for the student body to attend the Spiritual Sword Lecturship held at East Ridge church of Christ in Chattanooga, TN. If you are interested in donating to this fund, please send checks to **1162 Hwy 91, Elizabethton, TN, 37643. Checks should be made out to TCSOP & CD.** Please write “**Spiritual Sword**” on the memo line; the estimated cost per student is \$700 based on last year's budget.