



Amber, top, and Jacob, bottom, performing in the recent Choralier Broadway review of "Jekyll & Hyde."

Counting the cost

Spring '09

Before the missionary ever sets foot in his new host country, it is important for him to count the cost of this evangelistic endeavor. Calculating the financial cost is now quite easy as mission agencies like the Presbyterian Church in America's, Mission to the World, routinely survey the cost of living and conducting ministry in foreign countries around the globe. With this timely information, the departing missionary has a fairly detailed understanding of how much it will cost him and his family to live in their new host country.

What is more difficult to calculate is the emotional and spiritual cost to his family and his church. One of the particular costs that we must count is the effect this journey is having on our children. As you can see from the picture above, our children, are very

involved in their high school, being especially involved in the Choraliers, their high school chorus. It is the loss of these experiences, and even more specifically the loss of dear friends that Amber and Jacob wrestle with the most.

On the other hand, our daughter Hannah, who is a rising junior at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina will remain here in the States while she completes her undergraduate degree. The cost to us is leaving behind our daughter. The cost to her is losing a very close knit family.

And that leads us to the last and most significant cost. As those engaged in the front line battle against the enemies of Christ, we have willingly made ourselves prime targets for our enemies. This is a cost that cannot be overlooked. SDG, Michael Lee



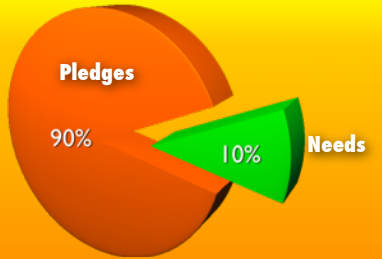
"For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? "Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'" Luke 14:28-30

Oh, so close!

We are so close to completing our support raising. We have crossed the **90%** mark and need less than \$1000 dollars in monthly support in order to leave for language school in Costa Rica at the end of

August. We are so close in fact that MTW has sent us the "Pre-departure" check list.

We've already been given the go-ahead to register for language school. In addition to this, we are working with our realtor to determine what the best course of action is with our home; to sell or rent?



Prayer Requests

1. At this stage, our number one concern is our children, Hannah, Amber, and Jacob, and their physical, mental, and spiritual health. The reality of the move which is so near is beginning sink into their hearts and minds. Please pray for God's protection over them.

2. Hannah, our eldest daughter, has completed her sophomore year at Winthrop University. This past year has

been a real challenge for her, and she realizes that she needs to re-prioritize some things in her schedule so that she can make her studies her number one concern. She is also wrestling with our imminent departure. Please pray that God will grant to her peace of mind as well as the spiritual security she will need to remain here in the States with out us.

3. Amber, our middler, seems to be responding better to the challenges that she is facing which is resulting in less abdominal issues. She is wrestling with

leaving behind dear friends and an unfulfilled senior year in high school. Pray that the Holy Spirit will provide all that she needs while in Costa Rica.

4. Last, and surely not least, is Jacob. Jacob has overall been the most steady of our children. However, recently he allowed the veneer of toughness to break momentarily, and demonstrated that he, too, is finding the imminent move emotionally challenging. Please pray for Jacob as he leaves his home, his friends, and his older sister.

Go West Young Man (and South)



Our friends Dennis and Cindy Helsel.

Visit to Castle Rock, CO

Until recently Tricia and I had not crossed the Mississippi in our search for partners. However, thanks to God's providence, we were invited to visit Cornerstone PCA and share the vision God has given us for His work in Monterrey,

Mexico. The trip was a great success. And, we are now partnering with Cornerstone church.

While in Castle Rock, we also had the privilege of attending Rocky Mountain Presbytery where we were introduced to the court by Dominic Aquila. Our exposure to Rocky Mountain Presbytery has resulted in a number of potential partners.

Many thanks to Andrew Gess & Dennis Helsel who put the trip together, to Chris and Anna Ross for their fabulous hospitality, to the Hsieh's for hosting a great reception, and to Bruce Olson for the incredible tour of Lockheed- MARTIN. 🙏

Language School Update

We have been given the go-ahead by MTW to register for the Autumn term of language school at the Spanish Language Institute in Costa Rica. This means that we must prepare to move to Costa Rica at the end of August. We are praying that the last little bit of support will come in, and that we will not have to put off the move any later than this. Please be praying that we can find the additional partners before this date. 🙏

Summer IMPACT Teams

I have been asked by our MTW Team Leader, Andres Garza, to spend the month of July in Monterrey assisting the team with the many visiting short-term teams that will be coming to Monterrey to work this Summer. Tricia and the kids will remain in Clover to spend their last Summer in states for a while.

Leaving Tricia for the month will place a heavy burden on her as plans to sell or rent our house must be made, as well as finding a place to secure our belongings while we reside in Costa Rica. Please pray for her. 🙏

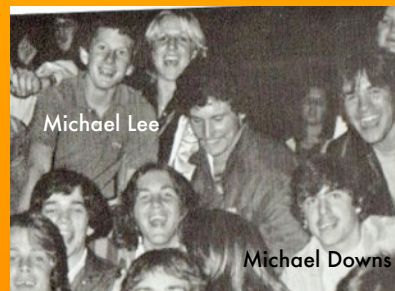
NASCAR & Providence

Tricia and I had the privilege of attending the recent NASCAR All Star Race at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Saturday, May 16 at the invitation of an old friend of mine, Michael Downs, and his wife Beth.



Mike and I had not seen each other since our days at Kempsville High School in Virginia Beach, VA (see picture below). Our recent reunion was instigated by a common friend, and KHS classmate, PCA ruling elder Brian O'Hara (Redeemer PCA, Jenks, OK).

Our first reunion was at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant for dinner. The rest as they say is now written in God's redemptive history. GO CHIEFS! 🙏



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