Dupiche Prayer Letter

ALMOST 2 YEARS



(Pic: Scarlett left, Josiah on lap, and Selah right)

About a year and half has passed since moving down to Milford, Delaware and taking on the work at Hope Church. My family is totally settled. The twins are about to graduate kindergarten and little Josiah is loving being mommy's helper at home and enjoying playdates at the park. Living in Milford is a treat. There are tons of people to meet, places to visit, events to participate in and we're never more than a few minutes away from the beach. The Dupiche family can now comfortably call Milford home, except for that one box that we still need to unpack but no one knows what's in it and it's way too late to care.

As for ministry, God has shown some wonderful mercy and He has grown the church in many positive ways. Since landing here we've seen some growth in our weekly numbers, as well as more interest in spiritual growth and maturity all around. The small group has become deeply invested in the

work of planting in Milford and in each other. God willing, we will continue to see growth in a variety of different areas.

THE NEAR FUTURE

Last year was all about foundations. We needed to fix our building, get our Sunday service in a good routine, and establish some Bible Study and church activities. With all your financial support, the support of BFC churches, and through your prayers, we were able to do what seemed impossible last year. God blessed us with success in many areas. Now, this upcoming year we are hoping to tackle some major challenges.

First, we are focusing on growing disciples through small groups. God willing, we will start focusing on home groups to help people study and learn the Bible in ways that connect God's word preached on Sunday with their lives throughout the week. We hope to see people building relationships and doing the deep work of discipleship through these groups. Pray that this takes off well and we see fruit.



(Picture: Church members at Maunday Thursday meal)

Second, we started our Administrative Team, a team of people who help run small programs and support the life of the church by being the point persons for different programs. They are trustworthy people who will help lead the activities

and programs we do on a yearly basis. <u>Pray</u> that they take ownership of their work and are encouraged when they see the fruits of their labor.

And lastly, God willing, we will be launching a worship team in June. We have much to work on and I have much to learn about musical equipment, and sound, but so far things are coming together.

Pray that God sends more musicians and empowers the church to worship despite what the music sounds like.



We thank you for all your support and prayers, without which we wouldn't have made it this far.

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A SHORT COMIC



Josiah whenever he sees a mower...



Josiah when Mommy tells him the mower won't fit in the car..... oh the joys of a two-year-old!!

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