



## June 2020 Praise Letter

### Ministry/Travel Dates

July 9-10  
24 Hour Demo

July 10-17  
New Missionary  
Orientation class

July 19-21  
Orientation for our new  
missionary virtual class  
from March—we get to  
see them in person now!

July 23-25  
Security Training

Aug 14  
Hannah to  
Cedarville University

Aug 27  
Caleb to  
Cairn University

Sep 9-12  
Heather to Education  
Summit in Georgia—  
tentative

Sep 13th  
Doug doing 1st Triathlon  
in Atlantic City, NJ

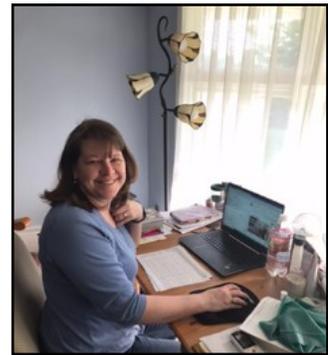
Nov 1-7  
New Missionary  
Orientation

Nov 15-20  
Field Prep for  
missionaries getting  
ready to leave for field

Dear Friends and Supporters

My favorite verse is Psalms 46:10a which states “Be still and know that I am God.” As our country and world struggle with so many different crisis situations, it is good to be reminded that God is still God and that we can find our peace in Him. If ever we as believers in Christ need to clearly portray our confidence in an unchanging God, these past few months have been it. The book of I Peter encourages us to “be ready to have an answer for the hope that is within” us, and I hope that you have been able to show that hope of salvation to a world that is desperately looking to be saved.

In our last prayer letter all of our ABWE classes, new missionary orientation, and other trips had all been cancelled completely or moved to an “virtual class.” Heather was already working from home, but it got a little more crowded as Hannah was back doing online college, Caleb was furloughed from work, Elizabeth and Esther were both “virtual schooling” and then I was also working from home for 2 1/2 months. Heather has been super busy with the Member Care team talking with many of our families and kids as they transitioned out of their countries (some in a very short period of time) to a new location. Some families evacuated to other nearby countries and others were able to come back to the states. Zoom and Microsoft Teams became the common vernacular in our house as we floated from one meeting to another.



Heather working from her home office where she counseled with families all over the world.

As we moved into the end of May and early June the ABWE office has begun to open up once again and we are moving full steam ahead. We have our upcoming 24 Hour Demo for people interested in missions scheduled for July 9-10, and we are extremely excited as our new missionary orientation class (July 10-17) currently has around 37 or so people coming to start their careers as missionaries. 37 is a HUGE number as we look at the uncertain economy and social “rules” that have so upset our daily routine of life. We can’t wait to meet these new missionaries, hear their stories, and work to launch them well into their new ministries.

As we look to our future missionaries we are certainly in prayer for so many of our current missionaries who are struggling with the impacts of COVID to their countries and ministries. Our beloved country of Chile is currently on lockdown and you need to get a permit from the police department to go

## Praises

Both Caleb and Hannah have found good summer jobs to save money for college.

Elizabeth and Esther have finished their virtual school year and are doing well at home.

Roughly 37 new missionaries coming to ABWE for new missionary orientation!

## Prayer Requests

Prayer for our missionaries. Many have been evacuated and don't know when they will be allowed back in.

Our neighbor Sue has said she would be willing to go to church with us once COVID settles down. Her husband Phil is still very resistant to the gospel.

Several major medical issues impacting various people at ABWE at the moment.

Wisdom for Doug and Heather as we talk with and support our missionaries in transition.



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City of Iquitos, Peru. Most all of our missionaries had to evacuate as Peru completely isolated this town due to COVID.

shopping for groceries, and that is only for a 3 hour window. We have had most or all of our team in Iquitos, Peru evacuated as well. Iquitos is one of the most isolated large cities in the world. It is a city of about 500,000 people and is inaccessible by car. You enter by plane or boat. When they discovered that COVID was present in the city they cut off all transportation to the city, closed the city down restricting people to their houses and they shut the hospital down because they literally could do nothing to help. Tanks of oxygen for those who got sick were over \$1,000 per tank if you could find one and unfortunately our team has lost several of our older Peruvian pastors due to COVID. This story is sadly being replicated in so many locations around the world. As one country opens up, another country locks down making ABWE's crisis management team work super hard. Please be in prayer for your missionaries as their ministries have been greatly impacted, and some are unsure when they will ever be allowed back into their country.

On a note closer to home. In our last prayer letter we mentioned that Heather and I were starting to work with another ABWE missionary who has been starting a church. The name of our church is Faith Community. Missionary Fred Seiferth and his wife Jen started the church when Fred was the chaplain at the local Fire and Police Department. He was able to start a Bible Study which grew a little bigger and then in 2018 they officially incorporated as a church. We have around 40 or so attendees at the moment (pre-COVID). A good deal of these are very fresh believers, and some of them still have not been saved. Please pray for us as we get to know the families, build connections, and see where God directs as we work with Fred and Jen to help the church grow.



Faith Community on a Sunday Morning

We would also appreciate your prayers as Heather and I work through the rest of this year to raise our needed ministry funds. Heather's role at ABWE is completely missionary funded, and we need to continue to raise those funds for her to continue in her role at ABWE. My ministry is a staff position so I don't need to raise funds for my role, but I am trying to raise funds to help pay for some of the travel I need to do during the year. Thank you ever so much for your prayers for our family and ministries with ABWE!!!

*Douglas & Heather Amundson*