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Benjamin & Hannah A New Family Begins.

To say we are blessed is an understatement. Richly blessed, blessed beyond measure, that might describe us better. July 20th saw us welcome a son-in-law into our family, joining us with the Hakimians.

Not only are we now joined legally and by flesh, but also Spiritually, as we share the bond of the Holy Spirit. Knowing that this new family of Benjamin and Hannah is laid on the solid foundation of Christ, supported on both sides by godly families and a church that will encourage and hold them accountable, gives us great pleasure and peace.

The weekend itself was not always full of peace though as those with evil intent disrupted tech the world over. My parents, with one of their granddaughters, were delayed in Indianapolis and greatly delayed in Minneapolis, to the point they feared they might not make the wedding at all.

But God is good, faithful and caring. He brought them safely to Moscow in the wee morning hours of the wedding day. We were all teary-eyed and exceedingly thankful they got to celebrate with us.

Wedding Exhortations To Benjamin and Hannah.

“Good and godly marriages are made out of the raw material of good and godly Christians. Marriage can be a great help in our sanctification, but it is not the foundation of our sanctification. Another way of saying this is that you can’t make a good omelet with rotten eggs.”

These were the opening words of Benjamin and Hannah’s Wedding Exhortations from their pastor, Douglas Wilson. The verbiage was so encouraging, I’m going to link it [HERE](#) for you all to read when you make time. Trust me, it’s worth the time.



... PRAISE ...

- We were greatly blessed when a couple friends from the States visited Dominica and spent a whole morning moving our items out of the apartment.
- A Dominican brother in Christ is generously storing all those items for us.
- Benjamin and Hannah’s wedding went wonderfully!
- Jason has been working full-time as a construction contractor for New Saint Andrews College.

... PRAYER ...

- Jason applied for a full-time construction position directly with New Saint Andrews College (instead of contracting).
- Elijah and Nathan will be full-time students at Logos School starting August 26th. This will be a HUGE change for all of us. Please pray we will transition smoothly.
- Official paperwork from the Dominica government regarding Jason’s customs case still isn’t filed and there’s no word on the kids’ lawsuit.

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Moscow, Idaho
Not our will, but yours Lord.

When we drove out here, we had every intention of returning after Hannah's wedding. Even as their basement apartment didn't progress as quickly as we wanted it to, we still planned on coming back once Benjamin could take over construction.

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand. As we strive to leave our lives in God's hand, we now find ourselves looking at staying here longer. As life unrolls, the possible time here seems to lengthen. How long will it go, we just don't know.

What we do know, is that we have no curriculum for Elijah and Nathan. There are multiple opportunities for the kids here in Moscow that back home just doesn't have. For example, Elijah is currently volunteering at the Tyndale Library for the NSA students. There's also Logos School, which is drowning in wonderful, Christ-centered opportunities.

As we started investigating and weighing the options revolving around the kids' school, Logos became more and more appealing. We decided to met with Logos staff to discuss if it might be a good fit for our family. Elijah and Nathan have both now been accepted as full-time students. They will be starting August 26th.

This is going to once again, bring massive change to our lives but we are looking forward to how Logos can be a tool in shaping our children for Christ and being a part of changing this world, to bring it under Christ's dominion.

Jesus is King!

Until next time, the
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