# Erwin Family



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### **Missions Update Newsletter**

#### MISSIONS WISH LIST ...

- PPH Award/Gift Bibles with Doctrine Insert KJV (box 24)
  - Thank you Mark Hardin Xenia Illinois
- The Pentecostal Experience (Bible Studies) Britt Prince (25)
  - Thank you Mark Hardin Xenia Illinois
- 6' Commercial Grade Light Weight Folding Tables
  - Thank you Pastor Copeland and True Life Church, Joshua TX
- Matching Light Weight Folding Chairs
  - Thank you Pastor Copeland and True Life Church, Joshua TX
- 2 Music Stands
  - Thank you Joe & Peggy Brewer Medora Indiana

#### **Packing Up**

Moving is never easy, especially when you've lived in the same place for 16 years. 16 years brings with it a lot of furniture, clothes, and everything in between that needs to either be sold, packed and shipped, or thrown away, but with every piece sifted through comes the memories of the times they're from. An old blanket that's kept you warm in the best and worst of times. A favorite outfit for every occasion you could ever imagine. A load of unworn hats from different places you've visited over the years. Everything must be carefully considered, cataloged, and boxed for a limited shipping space headed for somewhere new.

The best thing while sifting, cataloging, and boxing, is getting rid of all the things that have gone a long

time without being necessary. Throwing out or even replacing things that haven't been of use, or have even been a hindrance, is a blessing in for those moving on to the next thing. No matter how useful or not something has been, it's always best to reflect upon what it was even for. Some-





We rehomed Daisy

times things that only clutter, or burden you aren't revealed until you've truly come to terms with where you are, and where you're headed. Let's also not forget the people we're leaving behind. Those who will be missed, and those who will miss us. Friends and family who made life a little better everyday. Many of these

friends and family may make better use of the things we would otherwise be leaving behind or selling away.

In our walk with God, we need to search through and remove things from our life, giving us grief, burdening our hearts, and cluttering our minds. Things that no longer serve their purpose like they used to. Distractions that no longer appeal to our new heart's desire. Memories of the old man put under the blood and forgotten in the mind of God. Even the people who no longer uplift our new lives will need to be assessed if their company is worth the emotional toil their lifestyles could bring you.

It's not easy to let go of these things. Good or bad, it's human nature to hold onto the old. To let things build up or clutter. Hoarding until it becomes a problem. Sometimes God moves our lives around to reveal what's truly necessary, and what's holding us back from moving closer to him and his goals for our lives. The new people and places that need to know him, and that need to be created through us and our sacrifices, and if you allow God to remove that clutter for you, you'll notice your burdens are a lot lighter right away. And you may not be moving somewhere new any time soon, but living your life for God means you're always moving closer to him. With that in mind, we should always be ready to take that next step in our journey. no matter where that might be. Because in the end, if God wills it, he's already made a way.

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