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Missionaries of Prayer & Compassion at IHOP-KC

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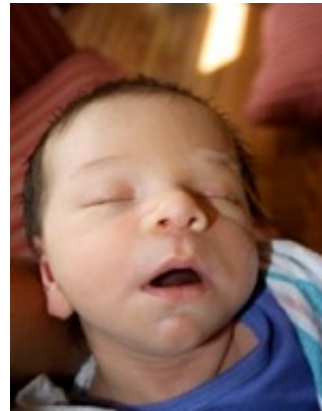
A Change of Adobes



At the beginning of August, we moved into the basement apartment of a woman we know. We were not planning on moving as we were enjoying the apartment we did live in, but this opportunity came up and the saving benefits were too good to pass up. As Jocelyn continues to go through school for the next two years, our monthly expenses will be much lower.

A New Nephew & Nursing School

Jocelyn enjoyed a visit to Connecticut at the beginning of August to welcome her new nephew - the 8th nephew between both Ian and Jocelyn's families! His name is Kenai Micah and was born to her sister Jessica.



The following week, Jocelyn started nursing school! For the first three weeks, it was a lot of classroom time and practice in the lab setting, but this week was her first time at the clinical site with a patient. It has been a challenge but she is loving it.

IHOPU Press

I have started my new role as Project Manager for IHOPU Press. We are currently working on two projects that will be published next year. I am responsible for setting writing schedules, giving direction to the research team, and coordinating with departments for the design and publishing of our products. Part of the vision of IHOPU Press is to define the theology for a movement. Meaning, every move of God that is to have a lasting impact on the body of Christ must be built on truth - theology and doctrine. As God continues to call His people to prayer & worship all across the world, I'm excited to be a part of IHOPU Press as we endeavor to make the truth of God known all across the world.

Human Trafficking

I recently wrote on our [blog](#) on the subject of justice in relation to human trafficking. Human trafficking is an enormous subject encompassing many forms of



We are missionaries at the [International House of Prayer of Kansas City](#). We seek to glorify Jesus Christ through worship and prayer, proclaiming His coming Kingdom, and acts of justice and compassion for the orphan and broken.

****What Do We Do?**

Ian is on full-time staff at IHOP-KC. He spends 24 hours per week in the Prayer Room in intercession, worship, and study of the Bible. He also spends 24 hours working for the Forerunner School of Ministry and IHOPU Press in an administration role.

Jocelyn is working on a two-year nursing degree at Penn Valley Community College. She also is a nanny for a family of four children.

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slavery and involving every country in the world. When we first started to become aware of the issue, we were shocked at how widespread and deep-seeded the problem is. Over the past two years or so, IHOP-KC has been led to begin praying for the liberation and salvation of human slaves, specifically, those in sex slavery. An IHOP ministry called "Exodus Cry" seeks to mobilize the prayer movement to "beseech [God] day and night for the release of speedy justice for the oppressed slaves of the earth". Benji Nolot, the director of "Exodus Cry", recently spoke on "Embracing God's Heart for Human Trafficking" ([free MP3](#) and [notes](#)) which is a great overview of the crisis of this injustice and how we are to respond.

Jocelyn and I believe that we will have the opportunity in the future to care for victims of this oppression, specifically children. We do not know what that will look like, perhaps even adopting children, but we are asking the Lord to give us His heart for these children. We know that the Lord hears and sees every injustice in the earth and desires that all would come to know Him. We know that the greatest act of justice is that people would come to know Jesus Christ. Envisioning these children filled with joy and peace in God's everlasting Kingdom gives us faith and hope to pray for their salvation and liberation from physical bondage.

Someone recently said, "The great headache coming to the church is the possibility she will be held to her Biblical admonition to care for the orphans." This reminded me of James 1:27, which reads, "Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

We include this in the newsletter not to preach or teach, or even to report on something new, but to put a flag in the ground declaring what we believe our future ministry will include. We realize that this will be years down the road, but we are excited to have vision for it now as we pray that He would give us His heart for the orphans and oppressed.

Thank you so much for reading about our lives. We value your friendship, prayers, and support.

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