

# The Barker Family



## Praises, Plans, and Prayers

We are excited to announce that we have purchased our plane tickets. Our departure date is set for January 27, 2023.

God is working in the lives of our recent converts. Eric and Lisa attended the New Members' Orientation to join the church. Eric has started the first level of the *Foundations of My Faith* discipleship class. Vee brought another visitor to church, an adult man named Will, who got saved and baptized.

We had a contractor come by the house to do some work, and the Lord opened the door for Sandra to present the Gospel to him. Rich was intrigued but then expressed hesitation since he'd had a buddy die just two days prior, whom he didn't believe was in Heaven. Sandra was able to tell him that his friend could be there, but it didn't matter if he was there or not because his friend wanted him to go to Heaven. Rich seemed surprised and said he hadn't thought about that. He later thanked Sandra for speaking with him and promised to read the "Frequently Asked Questions About Salvation" tract that she gave him.

Sandra and I attended a Marriage Retreat hosted by United Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri. We have attended at least one Marriage Retreat every year since getting married and knew we would be out of country for the one hosted by our home church, so we wanted to make other arrangements.

A funny story happened recently, as we had a knock at the door from someone campaigning for Jennifer-Ruth Green, who is running for Congress. After Sandra had finished talking with the man, Barrett started to get his shoes. When she asked him where he was going, he replied, "Going to knock doors." Sandra explained to him that they were not knocking doors right then; to which Barrett replied, "Go with the man?" Sandra said that the man wasn't telling people about Jesus; at which point, Barrett lost all interest in going.

As a prayer request, we had two large tree branches from our neighbor's property fall on our house a little after midnight on July 15, causing a good deal of damage. I spoke to our neighbor and filed a claim with our homeowner's insurance company. All the repairs were completed; however, a few days after the last check came in, another two tree branches fell, further damaging our property. This time I filed a claim directly with the neighbor's insurance, and my insurance company is attempting to subjugate the original claim for them to be reimbursed and for us to get our sizeable deductible back. All repairs from the second incident are complete, but being reimbursed for the original deductible and the second-incident repairs would certainly be a blessing.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Jeremy, Sandra, Carina, Barrett, and Henry Barker

## Praise

- Our plane tickets have been purchased.
- God is working in the lives of our converts.

## Prayer Requests

- Eric, Lisa, Vee, Chris, and Will's continued spiritual growth
- Rich's salvation
- Homeowner's insurance claims



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