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IVERSON UPDATE

Danny's Blog: spendyourself.org

Kimberly's Blog: lovingtheleastofthese.com

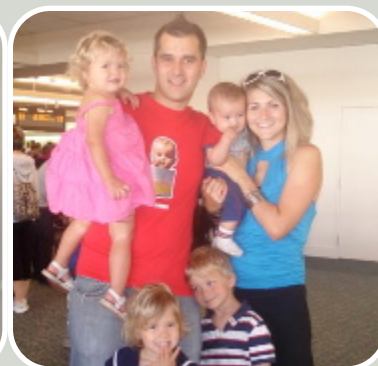


A YEAR OF SEMINARY DONE!

God has shown Himself faithful once again. Danny has survived this first year at RTS and learned quite a bit. We miss ministry more than ever but are thankful for this season of learning and being developed on multiple levels.

Seminary is hard for a person who is people-oriented, mission-minded, and energized by "goals to achieve". Danny would tell you he likes his professors, he likes the people, but he doesn't like studying and he doesn't like being isolated from the lost. (Isn't seminary ironic??) He has been working closely with the President and Vice-President of RTS on all kinds of initiatives and web management. This provides at least some outlet for his entrepreneurship. He is well loved by all the staff at RTS.

As most of you know, Danny led a team to Japan just days after the tsunami hit. God has blessed those endeavors tremendously and used Danny to raise over \$115,000 to be funneled into the local Japanese churches, and has guided many short term trips into effectively aiding the relief efforts. Please continue to pray for Japan, that God would send His Spirit to work into the hearts of the Japanese people during this hard time.



Daniel Josiah loved getting to attend a Christian preschool from Jan.-May, three days a week (Mom loved that it was FREE). Trinity will be attending the same school this fall and Daniel Josiah will be homeschooled. Katy-Grace's head full of curls can be seen bobbing around the house trying to keep up with her siblings. She is coming into her "own" and moving slowly out of a very difficult phase of her life (and her parent's lives). Benjamin is an absolute delight-always content, always smiling, always crawling and getting into things lately.

Kimberly is very busy with her little 9 mo.-5yr. old brood. She loves living right down the street from Danny's sister, who is also Kimberly's best friend from college. It has been a blessing to be around so many other moms of young kids, so that she can learn from them and be encouraged by them. She's started blogging again, which can be accessed at www.lovingtheleastofofthese.com. Reading that will help with keeping up on the Iverson clan.

Kimberly also serves on the "Women in Ministry Cabinet" (WiM) which seeks to minister to and form community among the female students and wives of seminary students and faculty at RTS. Her prayer is that God would raise up many more couples to go not only to Newark, but to the ends of



This year has been incredibly exposing and refining. It has exposed so many idols of our hearts, sources of self-righteousness, and narrow-mindedness in our thinking. It is hard to be brought out of what had become our comfort zone (ministering on the streets of the city) into a place where all of our weakest points are being exposed and challenged. It has brought to the surface weaknesses in our marriage that had previously been unnoticed in light of the chaos, activity, and overwhelming challenges of dealing with other people's problems in Newark. This time has been a refiners fire which is hard, but we are SO thankful for it. The Lord is merciful indeed to discipline His children by exposing and destroying the false idols to which his children so quickly cling. They will not satisfy, and the Lord knows it. The Lord is definitely using this time to prepare us for lifelong ministry, not as much through the books Danny is reading, but by exposing our tendencies to depend on self instead of on Jesus.

OUR SUMMER PLANS:

- * Danny is leading worship for a camp here in Florida, and then speaking at a camp in Canada and another one here in Florida. We feel very burdened to recruit prayer warriors for these camps as Danny has an opportunity to impact hundreds of youth.
- * The family will be trekking up the east coast for some quick visits in Va, PA, Newark, Cape Cod, Atlanta, and AL (the Kimberly and the kids will be in Birmingham with Kimberly's Grandma while Danny is in Thunder Bay, Canada speaking at a camp)
- * Danny will be taking one virtual class and will also be studying Greek to prepare for "Suicide Greek" in August.
- * Kimberly will be working hard preparing for full fledged Kindergarten homeschool and for all of the WiM events she will be helping run. She also plans to watch a friend's 3 mo. old starting in October, so as to bring in some extra income for the family. That means five kids 6 and under next year. Eek!

PLEASE PRAY:

- * For safety and sanity in our travels, as many hours will be spent occupying four small children in a very small space.
- * For the Holy Spirit to anoint and empower Danny to speak boldly the "Word of the Lord" at these camps. We believe God wants to do mighty things through these opportunities but we also know the Enemy's counter attacks are very real.
- * For the week that Danny will be away from his family (July 9-16)-that God will protect relationships and particularly his and Kimberly's marriage during that time
- * For motivation and focus for Danny in his studies-the growth of discipline.
- * For Danny's and Kimberly's marriage as we learn to love and serve one another well in a very different season of life.
- * For Safe Haven as they search for a new Executive Director. If you, or anyone you know, is interested, please contact Jon Rudd at jon.w.rudd@gmail.com

