

March - June Updates

It's summer already. We have been in Fort Worth for almost a year. It's crazy to think we've been here for this long and by God's grace we've been able to adapt so easily. Antioch church has been so kind and loving toward us, the leadership in the church has been so supportive towards God's vision for our lives.

Jeremy continues to excel at his job. He continues to drive once or twice a week. It varies every week, sometimes around the DFW area, Oklahoma and/or really anywhere in Texas. Those days can take very long hours, which makes a long and tiring day for Jeremy.

Homeschool is official over. We were able to finish early around the beginning of May. It was a very hard time for us as we entered into this new season of homeschooling. Our kids definitely missed their friends from school in Amarillo. Our curriculum was difficult and had some bumps along the way. We will be changing our curriculum for next year. We will try to connect to some of our missionary friends in Peru to see if they have some sort of Co-Op. Everything is still new to us and we need to be patient and have grace for this new year.

BSF (Bible Study Fellowship) was done by the end of May. We finished the book of Revelation. Our kids and I enjoyed it very much. We will be doing half of this next year's semester till we leave for Peru.

Our summer has been full of outings, seeing friends/family, summer camps, and enjoying this hot, humid weather.

Sandra's parents were able to fly to Fort Worth to visit us mid May. They were able to stay for a week. It was a great time taking them to different places in the city and eating lots of Peruvian food made by Sandra's dad. So blessed to have them here and for them to witness what God is doing here in Fort Worth.

We also had our friend from Amarillo, Jake Pennington, come visit us. He and Jeremy were able to run a 50K together. They both did awesome!

Ezra and Eliya were able to attend summer camps at different places with our church, Antioch FW. They had so much fun and enjoyed time away with their friends.

We also were able to have one of Eliya's friend from Amarillo here with us for a couple of days. We had a switch kid day, where we met with our friends, the Silhans, half way, and switch kiddos. Ella came back with us and Ezra left with them. We did the same thing to switch kids back. It was tiring but so worth it! So thankful for long-time dear friends!

ADS

In the month of March for spring break, the team of ADS went on a mission trip to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The whole group was divided into 4 smaller groups. We were in a house with 2 other families and their kids. It was an amazing time to share about the love of Jesus with people. We had the opportunity to evangelize at LSU, the university in Louisiana. We went to the campus for 2 days meeting young adults, praying for them and encouraging them. We also had the opportunity to help a non profit called "Hands Producing Hope". This non profit provides refugee artisan women of different parts of the world an opportunity to have a steady income through doing what they love, learning different skills and having the opportunity for them to go back to school and obtain their diplomas.

This mission trip was so good for our kids as well. For them to be able to see people wanting prayer, or a hug or an encouraging word. It was a great testimony of God's love for His people in Louisiana.

People are hurting and some don't know their need of Jesus, they live their lives without hope and in distress with no one to comfort them or love them. We are God's hands and feet, we are light in this dark world, we are called ambassadors for Christ wherever we are. In this mission trip we were able to bring light in places where darkness is all there is. Some students in the university are struggling, they're hurting and are walking in darkness. So thankful that Jesus brought the light and brought hope for students of all backgrounds. Some takeaways from this trip were: Eliya was the photographer for this trip, was cool to see her engage and capture those moments for us all to see later and remember, Ezra loved walking around with Jeremy on LSU campus and watching him talk with the students, and praying for them. Ezra's words, "I love watching and learning how you do it, so I can do it."

The beginning of May was our last week of ADS, we had a little graduation ceremony for ADS where we got our diplomas of completion and encouraged one another by praying. In June we also had our ADS pool party reunion with our friends so that we can continue to pray for all those who are traveling and/or going to the mission field. It was a great time to connect again with our dear friends and have some fun.

CP School

Church Planting School (CP School) has started with some meetings and filling out long questionnaires. At the beginning of August we will officially start CP School, this is the final part before we launch to Peru in January of 2026. As well with part of the schooling, we will be traveling to Arizona for a 10 day intensive on missions,

this will be at the end of September, while there, our kids will be in Amarillo for this time. Also in this next phase we will be fundraising as we prepare for Peru. Jeremy at some point will head to Peru looking for a house. So many big next steps but we are leaning in on the Lord and trusting Him that everything will fall into place, just like they have when we moved here to Fort Worth.

Now that we have almost been here a year, our one year lease where we are staying at is coming to an end mid August. It was truly hard in the beginning moving to a new place and making it our home, but now that we've been here for almost a year we have come to love our home. And now we are saying goodbye but so thankful for the time. Seeing how good God is, we will be moving into a mission house that is already furnished and it is less than 5 minutes away. With it already furnished means we will be getting rid of a lot of our stuff that we knew at some point we would have to get rid of. Even though it is probably good to always get rid of stuff, it will be a little hard as we let go of things. Pray for us as we make this transition...