



Mail from the Meissners

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Praise and thanks for...

God's protection over Megan in her illness

Excellent staff to work with at camp

Supportive friends and family

Pray for...

Continued healing for Megan

Wedding preparations

God's leading for our adult children

Support Update

As the director, I receive a salary and supplement my income by raising financial support through partners like you. We are grateful for all our faithful supporters. Our support continues to exceed our need.

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It has been a while since our last update letter, but that isn't because there hasn't been anything to write about. Since New Year's Eve the biggest news in our house, is that Elena is getting married in May to William Strasburg. We are so happy that God has brought them together with a common goal to love God and serve in overseas missions. Wedding preparations have been filling Megan and Elena's mind for weeks and everyone is very excited for the big day.



More recently, you may have heard of the week-long hospital stay that brought our life to a screeching halt. On March 15, Troy drove Megan to the emergency room because of severe abdominal pain. On Saturday morning a surgeon performed an appendectomy and found that her appen-

dix had ruptured. The following week was full of ups and downs with sepsis and pneumonia. Throughout that week, people from near and far lifted us up in prayer. Many people provided meals for the kids and stepped up to cover Megan's responsibilities at church. We are so thankful for the love and support that was shown to us and continues as Megan recovers.

Through this trial Megan was reminded of what they were taught at the Christian Camping Conference at the beginning of March. "There is VALUE in the VALLEY." We would love to go through life feeling one mountain top experience after another. In reality, most of our time is spent in the valley. That is where we live and learn and grow most of the time. Sometimes the valleys seem mundane (like homeschooling for 15 years) and sometimes they are really hard (like a week in the hospital). The best thing about time in the valley is that God is there too! He never leaves you and if you are looking for Him you will absolutely know His love and comforting presence.

Camp has been working through a winter retreat season and also getting ready for a busy summer. Our guests this winter made the best of our lack of snow-related activities as we provided them with some creative alternatives. Summer camp registrations came in fast and furious for the first month and have now leveled off. Almost all of our weeks are full and have waiting lists.

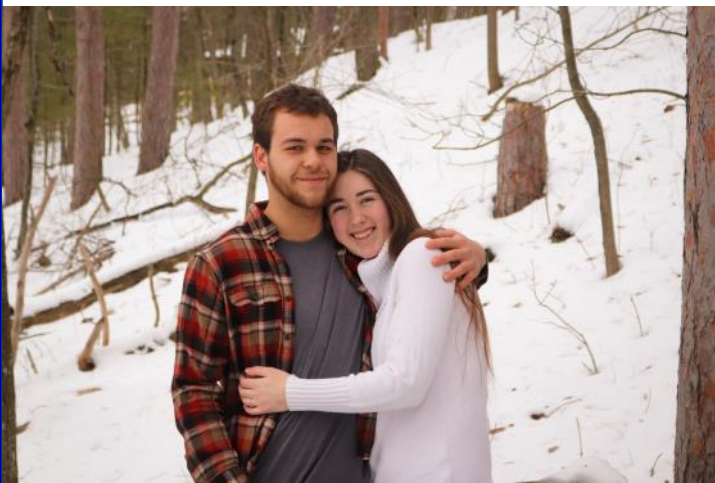


This photo on the left was taken on Christmas Day while the kids were trying out their new sled. It was difficult to sled this winter, but life is still fun with this bunch around!

(Left to right: Caleb, Rachel, Autumn, Greta, Cousin



Caleb is currently serving as an intern at camp. At the end of May he will travel with APEX to Chicago for a week of training in short term missions. Then he will drive to Hazard, Kentucky to continue with disaster relief work for five weeks. While there, he will serve in more of a leadership role than in his previous two mission trips to KY. Please pray for him. Also, he is now the proud owner of a 2004 Jeep Wrangler!



Will and Elena plan to be married May 18th. They have been working on remodeling a house to live in after the wedding. Elena still waitresses and teaches piano lessons. Will is on the maintenance team at camp. They plan to stay in the area for a year and then go to Brazil to serve at a school for missionary kids. They are studying God's Word and Portuguese to prepare them for that next step of obedience.



Thank you for your love, support, and prayers for our family!

Troy and Megan