

Cassidy Clippings

Jan-March 2016

The new year has begun and much has happened since the last Cassidy Clippings. We have much to be grateful for. God has lead and provided all the way.

Last fall we spent most of our time traveling to our supporting churches for update meetings. It was a sweet time as we met new pastors, old friends and made new friends. God blessed the meetings in wonderful ways.

As the holidays drew close we were able to spend some precious time with our daughters, their husbands and the grandchildren. Pat was able to spend time with his mother and brother too. We cherish those times dearly.

Our plan was to have a special Christmas family reunion the week before Christmas. It would have been the first time we



Lydia



Brianna, Isaiah, Josiah, and Grandma

had all gotten together in six years. God changed our plans when Pat's brother, Mike, passed away a couple days before our planned reunion. Everyone shifted gears and rescheduled our reunion for later in the week after the funeral. It was a sweet time with everyone. Many memories were made on those days we were all together.

We have reason to believe that Mike is now with the Lord. Life was hard for Mike and now he is now in a better place. Momma Joan took Mike's passing very hard, as any mother would, but what a blessing it was for us to be there with her to help her through it.



Mom Cassidy, Mike

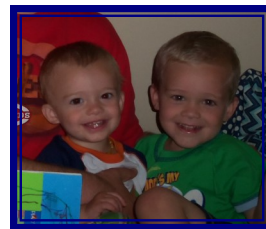
At our Christmas reunion, Victoria had a special visitor. Michael Mowery, whom we met with his family in Malawi a few years ago, came. He had asked dad for permission to start a relationship with Victoria. It was granted, so he came to spend some time with her and us before we left to go back to Malawi.

The first two weeks of January were spent gathering up the needed things for life in Malawi. It meant sorting, packing and storing the rest. It is always a very exhausting time.

The day came for us to leave. Ready or not we were off. Ethan who was old enough to understand what was going on, didn't want us to leave. His expression showed in his sad countenance. It broke my heart to think of leaving all of the grandchildren too.

A very talkative ticket agent caused us to miss our flight. Needless to say we had to make arrangements to catch another flight. After waiting a few hours, we were able to get a flight heading to JFK. That plane would allow us to connect with a plane going to Jo-burg, SA. Since we missed our flight, our luggage was delayed. After sitting and sleeping on the floor all night in the JFK airport, we wearily made our connecting flight to SA.

We actually arrived in time to catch the original flight from Jo-burg to Blantyre, Malawi. The only mishap was that our luggage would be a couple days late. We managed to survive those days without the necessary items.



Judah, Ethan

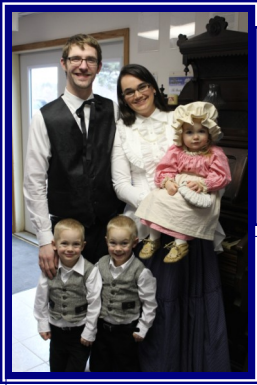
We came back to find the Malawian economy a mess. Between bad harvests last year and the failing economy, many people were suffering severely. Prices had gone up and wages stayed the same. There was little maize to be found. Since then, it is told that Malawians in the villages are eating grass and even crossing the borders to Zambia and Mozambique to find food.

Other situations which were going on were as follows: Electric and water were constantly going on and off for days at a time; *Praise the Lord they are better now.* Both our guards had put in their resignations so this meant finding new ones; Dad got malaria; I got malaria and ended up in the hospital; dad had a relapse of malaria and ended up in the hospital; During my treatment, they gave me medicine that caused a reaction. For another two weeks I battled with this. It wasn't until the medicine got out of my system that I began to feel better. *We are both well now.* As usual the GAD mobile needed some tuning up. It took several trips into town and several phone calls to a mechanic friend to take care of the issues. Our next project is for tires. After we have tires we will feel safer about making trips into the more remote villages.

In spite of their difficulties, we are glad to report that the congregations of our ministry continue to meet and grow in the Lord.



Filled water jugs



**Liz and Patrick Nimeskern
Isaiah, Josiah
and Brianna**

Our oldest daughter and her family live in Whitehall, WI.

Liz stays busy caring for their three children as well as babysitting for a little baby named Mason, playing piano at church and giving piano lessons. Patrick works at Ashley Products in Whitehall. He heads up several ministries in their home



really enjoy Callie the cat and playing outside.

Brianna recently pretty much potty-trained herself. That was a sigh of relief for Liz.

Our family has always referred to Brianna as our



little princess. It will probably change now. How can you not when she is the first girl of the family. One day as the family was driving home, the three children got into a discussion about having the inside light on. Brianna wanted it on and Josiah wanted it off. After talking back and forth, Brianna tells Josiah that he is a bad-a-boy for wanting the light on. Josiah promptly says he is not a bad-a-boy and that she is a bad-a-girl. Brianna settles it all when she tells Josiah that she is not a bad-a-girl., but a princess.



Linda

Linda, daughter number two, was delighted to spend some precious time with her sisters during the holidays. Also she had the opportunity to fly to



California this past December to see her friend, Sarah. She had a wonderful time there and saw sights that she has not before.

While Linda was away, Brianna kept asking her mom "where is Linda"? We are glad that the Lord allowed her this special visit.



Back in Malawi, she not only helps around the house, but she works with the translation of materials into Chichewa, helps teach in our workers class each week and co-teaches the children's Sunday School class at church in Thondwe. We appreciate all that Linda does to help in this ministry.

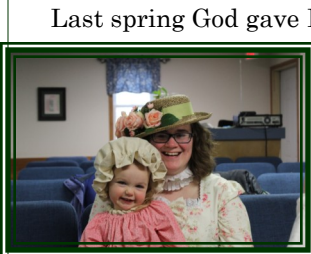


Rebekah

Rebekah, daughter number three, lives in Osseo, WI, which is not far from her sister Liz. They attend the same church and see each other often. She will watch the children for Liz and Patch when they need her to. She enjoys being the aunt.

She has found the quiet and safe

treat for the children in church. The words "Tic-Tacs" is often heard as the children walk into the church building and they see Becky.



Last spring God gave Becky an apartment to rent. Her neighbors are Christians and they even attend the same church. Her apartment is cute

and perfect her needs.

Becky is active in her church. She plays the organ, does the sound system and plays and sings musical specials among other things.

She recently started violin lessons via the internet. We are excited to see her using her talents for the Lord.



Bethany and Aaron Hall,
Ethan and Judah



Daughter number four is Bethany. She and her husband, Aaron live in the Mt Orab, OH area. They attend and faithfully serve in our home church, Winchester Baptist.

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Late last fall God gave them a new vehicle which will hold the family now that little girl Hall is due in June. The boys like riding in their "spaceship."

When Bethany showed the boys a sonogram picture of baby, Ethan called it an alligator. Judah called it a

dinosaur. So much for that. Ethan got to feel the baby move the other day.

Bethany and Aaron have re-decorated the office into the new baby's room. It really looks pretty. It is fit for another princess.



We are glad when the girls tell us about the children praying for us. Judah likes to pray for papa. He always asks where papa is when we

skype.

Judah is adding more words to his vocabulary every day. He likes to keep up with his big brother in everything. If Ethan can do it, Judah will try to do it too.

Aaron went duck hunting one morning. When he came back he showed Ethan the ducks. All day Ethan kept asking to go duck hunting. Aaron took him out in the woods and let him pretend duck hunt.



Ethan was so excited when our pastor allowed him the privilege of taking up the evening offering.

Deborah and Zach Nimeskern
Lydia

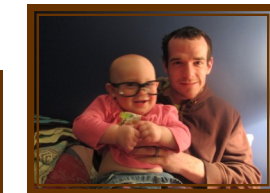
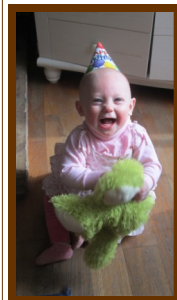


Our fifth daughter and her husband Zach live in the Mt Orab, OH area and attend our home church, Winchester Baptist. They also are faithful in the ministries that God has given them.

Last fall Zach was given a new job at work. It gives him a better rate

wage. He had to train for it so he will be ready when the position opens.

Lydia is a bright spot in



their lives. She looks forward to her daddy time. She is a very happy and expressive baby.

God allowed them to purchase a house early this year. They have done much painting and re-decorating to make it their home.

Lydia has spent a lot of time with her cousins Ethan and Judah. They love her dearly. When the house was being readied to move into, she didn't get spend as much time with them. The first day to-



gether again was at church. It was a happy reunion.

Charity



his birthday too.

Charity, daughter number six, just had a birthday. We surprised her with a party with her friends in town. Even her birthday mate, Patrick was able to come so we could celebrate

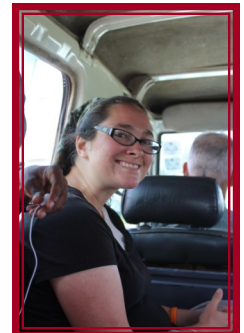
Charity is always happy and cheerful. It is always a blessings to be around her.

She stays busy helping around the house. She has taken a real interest in keeping the dishes clean and preparing the snacks for our guards and workers. She enjoys studying her Chichewa language books.



Her desire to cook is being nurtured by all of us. She has cooked one simple meal for us all by herself.

She also helps with the Sunday School class at Thondwe.





Victoria

Victoria, daughter number seven, stays busy with the chores

of home and her personal life. She looks forward to the call of that special young man, Michael, at least once a week. By the way, it is not the man shown in the picture above. ;-)

She loves to cook so she helps Charity a lot with her cooking skills.

In her free time she scrapbooks and does photography. She is a lot like her sisters Becky and Bethany in the art category. They all can take something and make it beautiful.

Victoria helps with the translation part of our ministry as well as co-teaches with her sisters in Sunday School at Thondwe.

She and Charity seem to be the official care takers of our cat, Snooky. He will wake them up when it is time to go out or eat. He also will bring them surprises from time to time.



She sure was surprised when Michael came down at Christmas time. All the sisters and husbands were able to meet him and get a chance to know him. Everyone gave him a hard time about someday taking their sister away to Alaska, just to tease him.

I think he passed with flying colors. Everyone went away with a new friend.

Some may think that at this point in our lives we can sit back and rest on our laurels. After all, we've worked hard all our lives, and now we should be able to take it easy, in our spiritual lives as well as our physical lives. Even now, God calls us to be diligent, steady, earnest and energetic. As Christ's followers, we must continue steadily on our Christian walk, seeking God's will in our lives with earnest effort.— unknown

2 Peter 3:14

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness or abilities that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

—
William Penn

