



THE *Kennard* FAMILY

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Dear Praying Friends,

Job 23:10 "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

We'd like to start off by thanking each of you for your continued prayers for our family and the ministry God has entrusted us with here in Meriden, KS. We'd like to rejoice with you on what God has done here for the last few months. While it hasn't been without its challenges, God has continued to bring growth to this local body of believers.

In the month of September, we hosted a church planting missionary family. We have been excited to watch God cultivate a heart for missions in these young believers at Cottonwood and hope to take on yet another missionary family. This would bring our total to 6 families supported by our church. Praise the Lord! We also celebrated Cottonwood's 4th anniversary. Time has certainly flown by as we've seen people come and go, but God is certainly assembling a unique core of believers here. To close out the month of September, 6 of our ladies enjoyed a ladies meeting nearby. This yielded a time of bonding and spiritual refreshment for those that attended.

During the month of October, we enjoyed a churchwide bonfire. This bonfire provided an opportunity of fellowship and social interaction that many do not get to experience on a regular basis. We heard great feedback and already planning to make it an annual event. We also had the opportunity to attend a men's conference. A couple men attended and were spiritually challenged and encouraged in prayer, personal walk with God, and church attendance. This also yielded a time for my wife to pour into a young married lady with extra one on one time. Coming away we recognize how God orchestrated this time of discipleship for each of us.

Over the past few months, God brought a season of growth. We welcomed 12 different guests and 3 have become regular attendees. Also, we have recently added two more members to the congregation. Our average attendance has gone up from the low to mid 30's to the mid to upper 30's in a regular Sunday morning service. Some of our higher days make our auditorium seem full and some have suggested adding more chairs. This is exciting to see God add to his church in his timing.

Our family is doing well with school is well under way. We have had to put the house search on pause as we wait for God to work out some details. We know his timing will be perfect and just trusting him in it. Your continued prayers and support are invaluable to us. We trust God continues to bless you as you continue to partner with us in these ways.

Sincerely,

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