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THE DRAKE ADVENTURE

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🌐 Dear Friends and Supporters, 🌐



We hope this letter finds you well and that your summer has been full of good things, whether that's rest, adventure, or just surviving the heat (we feel you, kinda feels like Africa). 🥵 We wanted to take a moment to catch you up on what God has been doing in our family and ministry over the past few months. Buckle up, because it's been a full one! 🚗



On the Road Again 🚗

This summer, we hit the road a lot and drove roughly 15,000 miles. A couple of us traveled across the US to reconnect with many of you. We made stops in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado, Idaho, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and eventually made our way back to North Carolina. It was a whirlwind, but we got to be at weddings, church services, shared meals, and got to spend quality time and this all reminded us just how grateful we are for the body of Christ. Thank you to everyone who opened their homes!

Faith - Surviving and Thriving (Mostly) 🦷💉

Faith is in the 4th (out of 5) semester of her dental hygiene program, and let's just say—it is intense. She's been juggling classes in anesthesia (yes, they had a "stab lab" where they

had to practice on each other 💉), pharmacology, and all manner of clinical work. She's stressed pretty much every week, but she's also incredibly determined. She's got this last year to go, and we could not be prouder of her grit. She has some big expenses coming up with school, and we'd like to start acquiring supplies for Togo. If you'd like to help with that, you can send a gift to our ministry with the memo "Teeth and Truth".

OC - Camp Merriwood Counselor 🏕️🔥

OC, spent all of this summer serving as a camp counselor at Camp Merriwood! She poured into kids, led games, shared the gospel, and probably ran on very little sleep and lots of caffeine. 🙌 She also got to watch her dad speak during Middle School week and preach two mission chapels, which was a really cool blessing for our family. We love seeing our kids step into ministry in their own unique ways and be stretched for the LORD.



Salem Youth Group - Serving in Fayetteville 🇺🇸

August, and Celeste (along with Faith, who is now a youth group leader) got to go with the Salem Youth Group on a mission trip to Fayetteville, NC, where they were put on separate teams who helped with a VBS program, led activities at a community center, and tackled some construction projects. It was hot, hard work, and fun to interact with a different group of people.

Togo - A New Chapter 📖

One of the biggest highlights of the summer was Adam's trip to Togo! He traveled there to help inaugurate the new Savannah Bible Institute, which is meeting in our old house in Mango! 🏠➡️📖 What was once our home is now a training center for church leaders. We also celebrated 20 graduates from the school, and several of them are now stepping into a two-year church planting internship. We are beyond excited to see what God does through these men and women as they take the gospel to unreached areas. Pray for them as they begin this journey!



Back to School - All Six of Us! 📚🎒

That's right, every single Drake is back in school this fall. Here's the rundown: Adam is working on his Doctor of Ministry (DMin) 🎓 Faith is in her 2nd year of Dental Hygiene school 🦷 OC is a Junior in the Film Production program at Liberty University 🎬 Celeste is a Senior in High School 🙌 August is in 8th grade, and Nico is in 6th

grade. The boys both made the soccer team! ⚽ And Celeste is on varsity volleyball this year 🏐. They definitely enjoy the opportunities they get in America. Celeste got her license in July, so she can now drive herself to work in her own car. So hard to believe, yet so grateful.

Support Update - Almost There! 📊🙏

We're currently at 85% of the committed support we need before we can head to the field. We're close, and we're trusting God to bring in the remaining 15%. Would you pray with us about that? And if you've been thinking about partnering with us, now would be an amazing time to step in. We would love to get into a few more churches this fall, let us know if we can visit yours!

Two Specific Needs 🆘❤️

Le Bon Berger Christian School - The school in Mango needs about \$20,000 to cover its budget and be able to function well this year. 😞

"Teeth and Truth" - We are already researching what supplies and equipment will be needed in Togo. Consider helping this ministry along.

In His service,

Adam, Faith, OC, Celeste, August, and Nico



Our daughter in the Lord Patricia Graduating

Support

