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April and May were full months of travel, preaching, and continued preparation for summer ministry. We are thankful for the Lord's protection over many miles. At one point, our van was rear-ended, but everyone is safe, and the other driver's insurance is covering the repairs. Moments like that remind us that every trip, every meeting, and every mile is in the Lord's hands, and we are grateful for His traveling mercies.

In April, I had the privilege of preaching in Pennsylvania. In May, I preached in Texas and was especially grateful to be with my mom in church on Mother's Day. We praise the Lord for churches that still emphasize the Great Commission and for families who encourage their children to follow Christ wherever He leads. It is a privilege to be part of His great work.



On the home front, we enjoyed having Katherine, Anthony, and Sean return from a successful semester at college. It is a blessing to watch our children grow, serve, and take their own steps of faith. At the same time, preparations at the World Missions Center continued for Candidate School and CAMP BIM I. For those who do not know, CAMP BIM I is a focused, one-week training program designed to help people move beyond the idea of missions as just adventure and better understand real life on the field. We will train two great groups of students in July.



Justin and Kourtney Holder are a great example of the kind of servants we are praying God will continue to raise up through these ministries. God placed a desire in their hearts to use medical ministry as an open door for the Gospel and church planting. They have taken

numerous CONNECT medical missions trips to South America, reaching places that are otherwise difficult to access. They are CAMP BIM I alumni, and God used their time with us to encourage and strengthen their calling. They will be coming as missionary candidates in June, on their way to the Amazon Basin to plant churches.

Their story reminds us that God uses prepared people. Please pray for all the applicants, students, and future missionaries we will be working with in June and July. We want every class, conversation, and counseling session to encourage them toward God's will and work.

In Christ for the Harvest,

Jason and Mary Ritchie, Katherine, Anthony, Sean, Emily, Allison, Jenna, & Madelyn