

Only HE Gets The Glory!

May 2023

The calendar informs us it is just May, but life with the Hasty family has been anything but slow. Through all the craziness that is Hasty family, God is faithful and able to provide each step we continue to make in faith. We give God all the praise and glory even through some very difficult trials. So far, turning 50 in January has not been dull.

Life with 5 children is never dull. Amanda and Brandt are doing well balancing family, church ministry, and work. They celebrate one year of marriage this weekend. Harrison is nearing the end of his training as a farrier. He is looking for an apprenticeship. Mia just enrolled in cosmetology school. Her life has shifted to Somerset instead of Williamsburg. Julia is working with the horse more. She has started doing horse shows. She will be in eighth grade in the fall. Walt was moved this week from Nashville to northern Kentucky to continue to get more help. We still maintain regular contact with him.

Through all of this, Gina and I continue to grow. I am so thankful for an incredible wife that is my helpmate through all of family and ministry life. We celebrated twenty six years of marriage in March.

Psalm 139:13-16

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

On February 21, Brynlee Anne Jones was born making Gina and I grandparents! We have the privilege to spoil, I mean keep Brynlee four days a week while Brandt and Amanda work.



James 1:2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

These verses describe our life over the six or seven months. We do count it all joy even when the trails are hard. From cancer diagnosis and successful surgery to remove the cancer, to walking through the valley of the shadow of death with my father. These trials remind us how fragile life can be. We maintain joy because the victory is already won! Even death is not final!

Gina and I have also traveled to California twice this year for court. We are pursuing our great nephew. AJ was born into a hard situation. He is just thirteen months old. He is a healthy, happy, little boy that needs to know the love of Jesus. We are prayerfully pursuing the next steps in this journey. Don't stop reading at James 1:4, because James 1:5 instructs us to pray in faith for God's wisdom. Through this prayer, God continues to reveal more of His plan that extends well past just AJ. We plan to make trips to California to keep connected with AJ while God works out the details.

Through our trips to California, God is placed on our hearts the homeless in California. Our niece is living in this population there. Pray for Madison, our niece (AJ's mother). We know God is in control of these entire situation that the evil one would like to cause more destruction.



The ministries of Crossroads Community continue to grow as we follow God's leadership as a church. Over the past several months, we have welcomed some new faces into our faith family. As our family has been experiencing various trials, our faith family has been supporting us along the way. God has woven together a very special faith family for this season of ministry.

The Lord's Café continues to serve lunch three days a week. Lunch remains free to anyone coming in to eat. Our volunteer staff strives to show compassion to each person that comes in. Many relationships have been built through The Lord's Café. We celebrate our 12 years of serving on June 6. We have not been able to host Pantry Days as often as in the past due to food shortages, transportation issues, or lack of volunteers. This summer, we plan on serving lunch four days a week.

The Light Community continues to move closer to opening for residents. If you have been following the progress for any amount of time, you know the wastewater has been a huge setback. We are now ninety percent completely installed! In addition, we have two homes that are in the finishing stages. The other homes are not too far behind in the progress. Our biggest hurdle continues to be financial support, especially for the contracted work of plumbing and electrical. We are prayerfully moving forward as we continue to pray for financial support to come in.

One Hope Ministry is a new ministry that is forming from members of our faith family targeting individuals who want to escape human trafficking. We are in the process of partnering with local and state law enforcement to be an advocate for these individuals.



We are designating two homes as transitional homes for anyone escaping as we secure another ministry to help them overcome the obstacles of exiting trafficking.

We begin Summer Missions 2023 on June 4th through August 18th. We are excited because we know God is going to move again this summer! The mission teams will help serve lunch at The Lord's Café, provide community outreach giveaways, run the hair salon, work on tiny homes, work on the farm, lead and teach Farm VBS, host free laundry days, and host other community events in the evening. The teams are all getting excited about coming! Pray for the workers in the harvest to have a boldness and clarity in sharing the Gospel. Pray for our community to be ready to hear the Gospel and receive the message of the Gospel positively.

Don't forget, mission teams are welcome all year. Also, the smallest mission team is one. If God is leading you to come serve, please contact us! We love partnership in missions!

We are also excited to partner the South Union Mount Zion Baptist Association. The association is providing new opportunities to partner with local churches. We are also forming a partnership with the Emergency Christian Ministries. Not only will Crossroads Community have the opportunity to partner, but our mission teams will be given the opportunity as well.

We ask that you continue to pray for Crossroad Community, those that serve alongside of us, and our family. Come participate with us and work with us. You can be a huge blessing and encouragement! Give in partnership with us. Your generosity can help to support the ministries of Crossroads Community or to our family. And remember, Only HE Gets The Glory!



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