

THE **UPDATE**
 AND LUTRA' LETTERS
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THINGS TO PRAY ABOUT:

- We're anxiously waiting to hear back about our Missionary applications
- Heavy work-load, School, Work, Marriage
- The Lord's blessing on new jobs, teaching and learning
- The Training center: Perseverance and Patience

OFFICALLY AT THE BEGINNING

Well, we're at least 3 years from graduation, but we have finally taken the first official steps towards fulltime mission work for the Bahamas.

This past month Emily and I filled out applications for fulltime ministry with Caribbean Ministries Association. Now we're prayerfully waiting to hear back from the board. Even though it will be while before we are finished in Dallas, we would love to use this time to build up our prayer and support structure.

Personally, I'm very excited to have began the process, it's humbling and encouraging to see the Lord gradually open all the right doors, and though He often keeps us waiting when we're so anxious to proceed, His timing is perfect, and He is al-

ways faithful. Speaking of encouraging, Emily and I are now receiving monthly mission support from another of our close friends. We got a call, just out of the blue that the Lord had laid on their hearts to support us even though we are yet to become missionaries. It's been said that, "the Lord's leading is

confirmed through His people," and while the waiting can seem discouraging, having friends behind us speaks persistence and perseverance to stay the course.

It would mean so much to us if you could pray with us for the Lord's leading in the processing of our applications.



WHO SAID WORK CAN'T BE FUN?



Every day we go to work we just can't believe the Lord's goodness to us to give us jobs we

both love. Emily has been teaching Kindergarten in Richardson at Canyon Creek Christian Academy since August, and she loves it. She is learning a lot about teaching and is really enjoying caring for her students. I got hired at my old Church up in Frisco as their Associate Minister of Small

Groups. I absolutely love working there and getting to apply what I'm learning in seminary. It was so neat how the Lord just opened all the right doors at the right time for me to get a job doing ministry – ask me about it sometime. The Lord has blessed us both, and we love our jobs.

THE ISLAND UPDATE



The missionaries in Eleuthera are doing great. They've survived this crazy hurricane season at the cost of the storm's devastation to the US. The construction continues on steadily, and I've seen

pictures of the mission house on the hill progressing nicely. Our good friends there Wade and Tammy Weinburger are having another baby, and we wish we could be there to celebrate with them. Please pray for one of my close Bahamian friends, Mono. He and I went through a weekly discipleship time while I was there last, but recently I've been informed

that he is slowly drifting away from the faith. And to compound matters his mother just suddenly died. Please also pray for our missionary friends Brad and Alicia Fox, as they are serving there currently, but are yet to be at 100% financially. Emily and I both long to go back, so we'd also appreciate prayers for the Lord's leading, and timing if and when we could go back for a short visit.



Tammy Weinburger and us from the wedding; she read scripture for us.



Significant progress on the mission house up on the hill.

SEMINARY LIFE

School is constantly challenging, but I'm loving it just the same. Emily and I are getting broken in to our new apartment, and now that the Texas heat has subsided we're feeling more at home with the cooler temperatures. (I say that, but Emily might disagree!) We have gotten to know a lot of great people and we're making new friends all the time. So even

though school can be difficult we're finding ways to enjoy our time here. I do have so say that second year, though it's harder that the first, it's much more fun as well. This semester has been particularly difficult with adjusting to marriage, starting new

jobs, and holding down 15 credit hours.



A Picture of us with Howard Hendricks and his wife

"To study the scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same."

- Jonathan Edwards

"Serve one another in Love"

- Gal 5:13

FLYING NORTH FOR THE WINTER

That's right, we'll be headed up to Wisconsin for Christmas, and we're excited about seeing family and friends as it has been over half a year since we've seen family. It will be nice to see familiar faces and places again, and to spend the holidays with loved ones beside the fireplace. The trip is short, but anticipated nonetheless. As we love to keep in contact with family and friends we enjoy writing you every

now and then. However, the price of postage and printing adds up. So, if possible could you send us an e-mail so that we might send you our update letters electronically? We'll save on paper and postage and time too! God Bless you, and this Thanksgiving we are ever so thankful to have you praying for us and supporting us! Love, Ryan and Emily!

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Please write or call—we'd love to hear from you, and thank you for all your support and prayers!

We love you!



Happy Thanksgiving