May 2017

### We Thank God For:

- A great time of working at Camp Manatoumi!
- Safety as we travelled to the build site at Ft. Ashby, WV!
- Enjoyed spending time with family and seeing Gettysburg!
- Friends helped Brenda and the kids remodel a bathroom while Brian was out of town!
- Amanda got her braces off!

## Pray With Us For:

- Wisdom as we continue the downsizing process to move to Michigan.
- Contacting Pastors and scheduling meetings for 2017/2018.

#### **Events**

- June 24-30 Amanda in Boundary Waters with Youth Group.
- July 2 Calvary Baptist Church - Walnut, IA
- July 10-14 CBM Family Conference - Ankeny, IA
- July 17-21 VBS at Faith Baptist Church - Iowa City,

## Financial Support

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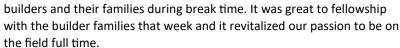
"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands. "

Psalm 90:17 (NKJV)

As we serve God, our prayer is that He would truly "establish the ministry of our hands." This month we joined a workday at Camp Manatoumi in Illinois. Brenda, Nathanael and Rebekah planted hundreds of flowers, Luke helped another man install a water heater and Brian put up fascia on the ladies bath house. Amanda did not join us because she went to the Adventureland youth rally with the youth group.

We decided that the month of May would be our only opportunity to make a trip out to the build site in Ft. Ashby, WV, so we went. God was so good to us. Our mechanic informed us that our tires were in bad shape and they were able to install new ones the day we left. The Genungs were

off site that week and allowed us to stay in their trailer. It was a huge blessing to be on site with the builders and learn more about trailer life! Brian worked with the builders a few hours each day and assisted in mudding the walls of the education wing, painting the outside doors and other jobs. Amanda went to a local nursing home and helped one of the builder wives there. We celebrated Brenda's 40th birthday by sharing an ice cream cake with all of the



Brian's sister lives near the build site, so we spent time with her while we were in the area. Two days before Memorial Day, we spent the day at Gettysburg, VA. What an amazing place! We spent several hours enjoying



# KID'S CORNER

What was the best part of being at the build site?

Amanda (12) - "I really enjoyed playing with the builder kids."

Luke (11) - "Having a big mud fight."

Nathanael (9) – "Playing with the friends."

Rebekah (6) - "Probably riding on scooters."



the audio tour and taking in the monuments. The men who fought in the Civil War fought for what they believed in, even to the extent of fighting against friends and family.

We are grateful for our financial supporters and prayer warriors. Pray with us that God would truly "establish the ministry of our hands."

Fulfilling the great commission together,
Brian, Brenda, Amanda, Luke, Nathanael and Rebekah



CBM build site: Berean Independent Baptist Church in Fort Ashby, WV - Brick work is progressing nicely. They passed the last rough-in electrical inspection. Lots of time is being spent mudding and sanding the educational wing.



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