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"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"

~Ecc. 3:1

Dear ,

God's timing can be confusing for those of us with a limited perspective - namely, all of us! We may rush something that shouldn't be, or we may miss an opportunity that God gives us because we are caught up in something else. I am no better than any of you. I have been reminded more and more this week of that truth. He knows what He is doing, even (I should say, especially) when we don't.

Time with Friends

In my last letter, I was almost finished with a week in the Chicago area sharing my vision with old friends. I did not get to include the last day, or my dear friends who hosted me! Thank you to the Steuers for your hospitality; I always feel at home when I am with you all. On my way back, I had two more visits to make. It was great to see each of you.



Family Time

We had a wonderful time seeing my sister get married on the 12th. Congratulations, Sophia and Dustin! Thank you for praying through the week; there were a lot of trials along the way. Our travels out to NY should have taken about 12 to 13 hours. Because of the weather, fatigue, and a baby, it was almost a 24-hour trip. We took off about 5:30pm on Friday the 6th, stopped at a hotel at 7:00am, and arrived at 4:30pm on Saturday. Needless to say, we were exhausted but thankful to be there safely. On Sunday night, the bride got really sick, and so did the groom and two others in the bridal party the next day. It wasn't what they had expected or planned for, that's for sure, but praise the Lord that everyone was feeling better by the day of the wedding. It was a beautiful ceremony. I'm excited to see how God will use them

together for His glory. I'm also thankful we had a much better trip back than we did going out!



God's Timing

Unfortunately, because of leaving at an unconventional time to drive through the night, I was unable to stop at my former pastor's new church for a meeting. This was disappointing to both parties. However, I know that God had a reason in it somehow, and I trust that I'll get out there sometime soon.

I also mentioned in my last letter a prayer request regarding whether or not to go to the Netherlands this summer for camp. After I came back from the country in August of 2024, I had not seen my passport. Obviously, if I could not find it, my decision would be made (unless I could have a replacement made soon enough). When I was packing for my current trip, I needed more bags than normal, so I pulled out the one I forgot I had used. Lo and behold, in the secret back pocket, was my passport. Praise the Lord. I still have not made a final decision - I need to talk to a couple of people - but I am leaning toward going. Please continue to pray for wisdom.

I also had some unexpected family time this week. My great uncle (my 94-year-old grandma's brother) passed away on the 20th. The funeral was yesterday on the 27th. Because I was in the area, I was able to

attend and help my cousin get our grandma in and out of the funeral home and across the cemetery terrain. I was also able to see more extended family and encourage them. I am so grateful that God allowed me to be in the area and that it was right in between a conference and a traveling day.

Time Travel



This past Sunday through Wednesday, I participated in a missions conference in Bethalto, IL, which is the same small town that my grandparents lived in for many years. My grandma is still close by there. I had a wonderful time and was challenged. Thank you, Pastor Crain, Ms. Jenney, and the whole Fosterburg congregation for welcoming us all and treating us so well. Thank you to the Hassenplugs for hosting me with such generous hearts. It was also a privilege to meet Steve and Judy Fulks who had been praying for me through my letters since the beginning of deputation.

As I write this from a library in the farm area of (further) southern IL, I am looking forward to sharing the ministry again tomorrow, next week in southern IN, the week after in the St. Louis area, and the week after in northern IN on my way home. Recently, I realized that I will be going from central time to eastern time the weekend of Daylight Savings, so I will be losing two hours rather than one. Please pray for sufficient

rest! Please also pray for safe travels for each leg of the trip and for God to speak to the hearts of His people. He is always good!

Praises

- New brother-in-law!
- Continuing to grow new familial relationships
- Wonderful week in southern Illinois at Fosterburg Baptist Church's missions conference
- My niece's first birthday

Prayer Requests

- Pastor Perkins to adapt to new ministry well
- Pastor Treadway and family's transition to sending church (still driving from over an hour away)
- Unspoken request regarding sending church
- Safe travels to southern Indiana, St. Louis, and home
- Wisdom for camp decision
- Meetings scheduled for this spring **(if you know of any churches looking for missionary guests, I would be happy to have you pass along their information!)**



In Christ,

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