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Consecration Amid the Consumerism

The deals and discounts fill my inbox and flash on my screen. I feel the pressure to “not miss out” and “make this season magical.” Even my three year old reminds me that Christmas is coming and there will be presents. Something I have been meditating on recently is the way God designed us to be consumers, not of stuff, but of His Word. “Man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.” (Deut 8:3) This design was warped by sin to crave and consume things that will not satisfy, abandoning the source of true satisfaction, God Himself. “Consuming, we are consumed. When the gods of this world leverage our needs and redirect our hope away from God Himself, they indirectly hinder our obedience to the Great Commission.” -Gloria Furman (Missional Motherhood)

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Elsbeth was privileged to help plan a day of retreat for the women of Franklin Road Baptist Church who partners with us in support. The setting was a crisp day in the brilliant autumn colors of rural Indiana. Women in the church shared testimonies and Bible truth, we watched Bible teaching videos and prayed together. The fellowship was a joy!

As we get closer to our day of departure, Jeremy and I feel the weight of our “stuff”. An initial quote for shipping our remaining household items to Korea was far more than they were even worth. We are preparing to do yet another purge, this time with an understanding that our start in a new life and ministry needs to be free of distractions and burdens. We eagerly anticipate sharing with you that we suffer no lack as we trust and obey! God gives us the opportunity to be consecrated to Him. Hearts filled with His Word will not be pulled away by the siren call of marketing! The power of consumerism is broken, crushed by the cross. We want to illustrate in our home, not our own image, but rather the image of the humble baby Jesus in a manger. “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.” -Jim Elliot (CONTINUED ON BACK)

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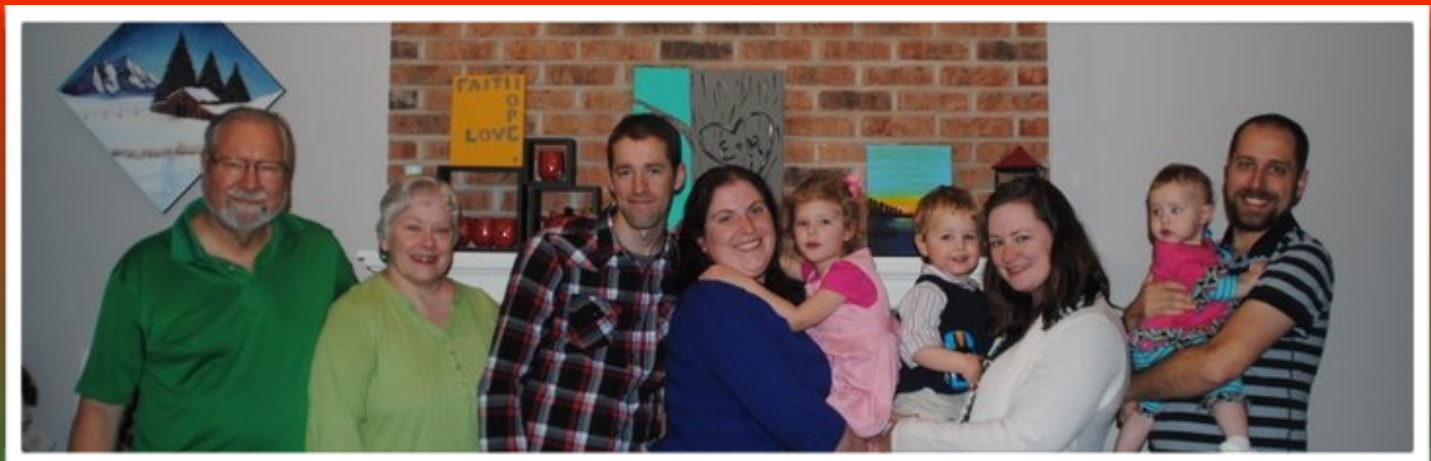


We are excited to announce that **Elsbeth is Pregnant!** Her first doctor's appointment was on December 16. We are planning on going to Korea before the baby arrives. We also celebrated Estelle's 1st birthday this month. We had a small party and practiced a traditional Korean ritual where various objects are placed in front of the baby to choose. Estelle picked up the Bible (our missionary addition to the ceremony) and thread (representing long-life).

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We are at 82% of our monthly commitments, while we are actually seeing about 70% of this coming in regularly. 12% is promised to begin soon. After consulting with our leadership, we are going to wait to buy our plane tickets until we are seeing 90% of our commitments actually coming in each month. God has provided in amazing ways to allow us to be this close! It is our prayer that we could be there before I get to my third trimester, around April. We are so grateful for those who are in partnership with us!

To help us reach our monthly goal, use the slip enclosed with this letter or go to jeremyrodgers.wol.org



Our passports have all arrived. Praise God this all went smoothly! So, once we have our plane tickets, we can get our travel visas. **We have scheduled our pre-field counseling**, the last step for any WOL missionary before leaving for the field, for January 17-20th in Tennessee. It will be an intensive kid-free few days with the purpose of investing in our personal lives and future ministry. Please pray for the kids and those who watch them as we travel.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!