

Sept., 2009 - Update



Greetings from Brett & Leanne,

Leanne and I felt that we wanted to keep all of you updated on the events related to our service at Bible Basics and the adoption of Daniel. Since our last letter, Daniel's adoption has been finalized. The Lord was exceedingly generous with how he handled the events surrounding his adoption.



Let me start by saying THANK YOU to all of you who had been praying for this process. The Lord provided us with an excellent caseworker from the adoptions unit in Hillsborough County. One of the rules that must be followed is every prospective adoptive family must be background checked prior to the paperwork being filed with the courts. To make it more interesting those background checks must be no older than 90 days from the time they are requested and they usually take about a month to come back, leaving only 60 days to file the paperwork. Daniel was in the Hillsborough County system but because we live in Pasco County we had to use a caseworker from that county to do the home study. This caused several delays in getting it done. By the time we got the finished home study to our Hillsborough case worker we were only 4 days from the background checks expiring. She worked very hard to wrap everything up before the deadline. I was amazed at her dedication; she even worked over the July 4th weekend. We were actually sending email back and forth at 10:45pm on the Friday before the fourth. Because of her diligence all of the paperwork was approved and filed the day before the background checks expired. PRAISE THE LORD!

The Lord's timing for the day of finalization was also perfect. He arranged to have the finalization date on July 23rd, my 40th birthday. That date turned out to be right in-between Leanne's Dad and stepmom's return from the latest BBI STAR Team trip to Puerto Cortés, Honduras and my sister and brother-in-law's vacation. Leanne and I are still amazed how God worked out the timing. We are proud to introduce to you **Daniel Aaron Pruden**. Leanne has written a short bio about Daniel and you can read that on our web site at: www.prudenplace.com/blog/



Leanne, Brett, Daniel & Judge Sheehan

The next big event in our future is the beginning of our full-time service with Bible Basics International. The Lord called us to BBI two years ago last March and since that time has confirmed over and over that He wants us here. The woman who processes our donations will be retiring September 30th and we believe the Lord wants us to start full-time with BBI October 1st. It is a job that I have done since I started with the mission, but only as backup. Being full-time will also allow me to become even more involved in the day-to-day operations of the mission. The Lord has given me the opportunity to gain a wide skill set that He has been using. With more time in the office I hope to have the chance to do more recording and radio program production as well as other tasks that will relieve some of the pressure felt by other members of the staff who have more to do than they have time for. Since our last letter we have received some new support and we thank all of you who have felt led to give to our ministry. With this new support we have broken through the 40% pledged mark and are now at 42.5%. While we realize the economic situation of our country will make finding the support we need more difficult we believe our economics do not limit the Lord's plan for our lives. In many cases the Lord waits for us to take a step to show us how He will supply, so that is what we will do. BBI and even our sending church are feeling the pinch, but the Lord is still using both to do great things for His Kingdom. We believe He will continue to do the same through our ministry. Please pray and consider what He might have you do. Every donation, no matter how small, can do great things when put into the hands of our Lord. If He can take 5 loaves and two fish to feed 5,000 men and the others that were with them, He can take any amount given and multiply it to meet our needs.

Please continue to pray for us. This is a big step and there are many decisions and adjustments we will need to make. Leanne and I will be learning how to budget our money with a paycheck that fluctuates based upon the money that comes in. If the support doesn't come we don't get paid. Another major area that needs to be bathed in prayer is our need of medical insurance. I will be eligible for cobra but the cost is so high that it is not really an option. We will need His guidance to make the right choice. While everyone is not called into vocational ministry, all of Christ's followers are called to serve where they can. Your service through prayer and financial support has spread Gospel of Christ all around the world through the ministry of Bible Basics.

In His service,

Brett & Leanne Pruden

Gifts for our ministry should be made out to Bible Basics International and noted for Brett and Leanne Pruden.

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