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May/June Prayer Letter

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Go ye therefore,
and teach all nations,
baptizing them
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost:
teaching them to observe
all things whatsoever
I have commanded you
Matthew 28:19,20

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I would be hard-pressed to find two months that were more different than these last couple months. Going from the month of May into June was a complete 180-degree turn.

May was a month of rest for us. I was able to complete my teaching role at Bethel Baptist School as the school year came to a close. It was truly a privilege and joy to be able to invest in such a worthy ministry. As far as deputation was concerned, we had every meeting in the month of May reasonably postponed because of the pandemic lockdown. Pastors were also understandably hesitant to schedule any meetings because of the uncertainty with the virus. This pause in our schedule allowed us time to prepare for the month of June.

June started quickly as on June 1st I was able to start back to school, this time as a student again. For a few reasons and by the Lord's direction, I have started online classes to work towards a master's degree. These classes have been a blessing already. The month moved on quickly as the next event has drastically changed our life.

On June 3rd, we went to the hospital to be induced for the birth of our first child. The labor was going slowly and eventually the baby's heart rate was dropping. On June 5th, they ended up doing an emergency c-section to deliver safely. The procedure was completed smoothly as we got to meet our daughter for the first time. We would like to introduce Adelynn Joy Clay to you and thank you for your prayers for her. She was 20 in. long and 6lb. 6oz. She had to stay for 10 days in a special care nursery because of some breathing issues, but she is home now, and her lungs are just fine as she demonstrates each night when we are trying to sleep. Alyssa has recovered quickly as well which is a tremendous blessing.



The month of June also started back our schedule of meetings. It is truly a joy to be able to preach God's Word and present what he has called us to do again. We had a meeting or conference each week taking us to West Virginia, Ohio, and Indiana.

With school, meetings, and a child, we are back up to speed and ready to see what God has for us with the remaining time left in the year. We are trusting God through this all and are still planning to leave in the spring of next year. I do not know if the virus will rise again causing another pause, but we have seen God do so much already through this first one that it does not worry me at all. The main reason is because of the prayer warriors like you who ask for God's blessing on our life. We are praying that God blesses you and your ministry during this unique time.

-Josh, Alyssa, and Adelynn Clay

