

# Pray For The Claypools

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*"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line,  
here a little there a little" - Isaiah 28:9-10*

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

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We want to start out first and foremost by thanking all of you who were praying for Sean and me as we travelled out West. Space does not permit a detailed account but we will try to summarize it all as best we can.

All in all it was a good trip, and the Lord gave us some incredible blessings along the way. Sean turned out to be a great travel companion, handling the many long hours in the truck very well and having fun along the way. It was a great opportunity to see our churches again. We did not get into as many new churches as we had hoped, but it was very evident that the Lord was taking care of us along the way.

Sean was very interested in the desserts that we went through in CA, AZ and NM, which makes some sense considering that he has only known the tropics. But for some reason cactuses caught his eye and he would point out the different varieties as we went along. We both, however, enjoyed the heat even though the humidity was severely lacking.

The folks at our churches were a tremendous encouragement, and we had good times of fellowship at each stop along the way. We were floored when at exactly the half way point of our journey, one of our Arizona churches surprised us by flying us back to Indiana for a few days during a week when we had no Wednesday meeting planned. It was an incredible act of kindness and generosity but well timed by the Lord, and a great blessing for our family.

We also went into Texas right behind Hurricane Harvey. Thankfully none of our churches were affected, even though the majority of them are around the Houston area. Praise the Lord for His protection. We saw massive amounts of destruction along the way but the Lord was good and His protection was clear.

The Lord also gave us a new supporting church in the Dallas area, which we were very pleased to see. And we also saw the Lord move through His people and were thrilled to see a great interest both prayer wise and in special offerings given specifically toward the building of our house back on São Tomé. This was particularly encouraging because, as many of you will remember, the money we had reserved to begin construction was used up in the title process and we were not sure how to begin. But once more the Lord showed us that He has everything under control and that nothing escapes His attention.

Praise the Lord for His goodness and for His hand of protection on Amanda and the girls during our absence. Morgan and Kaitlyn also had the opportunity to go to camp for the first time while Sean and I were out West, and had a great time. Though neither of us like being separated, all three of them have enjoyed being at our home church, involved in activities, youth group, choir, etc., and it has been a tremendous blessing for them all. As the Lord, of course, knew all along, it was exactly what they needed.

October promises to be a very busy month as every single church service is scheduled, plus we are packing to leave on the 31st. Please pray for us during this time as it promises to be both exciting and pressed at the same time. Please pray for safety as we travel, for wisdom as we plan and for strength as we once again say goodbye to family and friends.

And as always a sincere thank you to each and everyone for your prayers and support. It is felt both personally as well as in the ministry.

Your servants for His service,



The Claypools

Doug, Amanda, Morgan, Kaitlyn & Sean