

Myers' Mailbox

A Newsletter from Linc, Kaye, Leah, Hannah & Caleb

Graduation Excitement

Graduation day is typically one of those milestones in your life that overflows with accomplishment, joy and hope. Though many of our graduates and their families will be experiencing those emotions in a few weeks, one of our families may be feeling them a bit deeper. Kristen will be walking across the stage on graduation day with a drastically different life story behind her. Kristen's story began in a hospital in Kiev, Ukraine, 19 years ago. The "throw away" baby, of an alcoholic mother, who had been abandoned was brought to the hospital. She was very sick, with a hole in her heart and dying. The hospital staff saw no hope of her living beyond a few weeks. During her stay at the hospital, there were two teenage girls who regularly volunteered at the hospital.

They changed diapers and held the babies, giving them love and physical touch when no one else would. Over time these girls named this unnamed baby and began to inquire as to her needs. They were informed that "Kristen Hope" had a hole in her heart and it would require a surgery if she had any chance of living, much less growing. The girls set out on a mission to raise the funds for the surgery and were even given permission to act as Kristen's guardian. Within weeks, the generous outpouring from their partnering churches had raised the money required to get Kristen the help she needed. Following the delicate surgery, miraculously, these same girls were given

permission by the hospital to take Kristen home to care for her during her recovery. Sending her to an orphanage would certainly diminish Kristen's chances of a full recovery. In the following weeks and months, the parents of one of those girls believed that God was asking them to adopt Kristen into their family. They knew she would have some difficulties that would follow her the rest of her life, but they followed God's lead and brought her into their family. This family was a faithful missionary family. Her adopted dad started out as a "farm boy" from Ohio and ended up marrying and serving in various locations such as Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan. Her dad has since passed away, and her mother now serves at a Bible college here in Hungary. Kristen has had her share of struggles, heartaches and learning difficulties over the years, but on June 11, 2016, she will walk the stage and receive her high school diploma! I am confident there will be many joyous tears on that wonderful day, and I can't help but imagine that our Heavenly Father will be smiling. Witnessing again what happens when His people chose to love, chose to care, chose to make a difference!



Kristen (purple coat) posing with the senior girls on a field trip.

Update

Praises

- * Bible studies for Kaye & senior girls!
 - * Students who love Jesus and want to serve Him!
 - * Safety leading study trip to Israel
 - * Blessings from your prayers & support
 - * Celebrating 29 yrs. of marriage this May
- #### Prayer requests
- * Senior trip May 28 to June 4
 - * Our summer plans to meet with family & friends
 - * Getting Caleb settled into college
 - * Seniors as they say good-byes and start a new chapter
 - * Our children and the extra burden they carry with mom & dad being so far away

Headed to a location near you! (possibly...?)

This summer is our summer to be back in Pennsylvania! That statement always brings with it a wave of emotions! Not only do we get to have wonderful times catching up with family and friends, we have the opportunity to sample all those tasty treats that we have not been able to eat here in Hungary. (funny how food is so connected to my emotions...) The down side is that the weeks always seem to slip away so quickly even with the best planning and intentions. Our hope is to get to see as many of you as we possibly can. We hope to visit many partnering churches throughout our weeks and months. We are currently scheduled to fly back to Hungary on October 10th, extending our summer into autumn this time. Of course that date is contingent on the fact that we raise our monthly support back to 100%. It is difficult to believe that we have served at ICSB now for over 9 years! Each year sending a new group of graduates off into their future. Thank you for allowing us to be involved in this incredible ministry of preparing these young men & women to be followers of Jesus! Please e-mail us if you'd like to schedule a time to meet with us.



Southern steps of Herod's Temple



Kaye's girls' weights class



Synagogue in Capernaum



Senior "Sneak" Day



Senior girls' dinner



Sea of Galilee teaching time



Opening God's Word on Mt. Carmel



Trying to take the yearbook photo... ☺



Enjoying the Hippodrome at Caesarea