



Catching Up

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Our apologies are in order for not keeping in touch with y'all, We are learning how to take care of our elderly parents as well as balance ministry and local church ministry. Life can hit you hard and we can become so distracted. Moving to Ohio definitely had its distractions. However the Lord was able to connect us with a group of believers who are discipling and training others to build into community. Through this community we were able to train two churches in sharing the gospel and forming small communities to do simple church. We also were able to begin several prayer walks in different communities. We all need community as the world is losing connections left and right.

(pic 1) The Newark Campus ministry built into students last semester. It was a pleasure to participate and build into students seeing them grow in their faith and knowledge of the bible. One of the students in particular participated and enjoyed sharing the gospel on our prayer walks at the college.



(picture 2) God also blessed us by getting to know a family from Papua New Guinea. This family has been in ministry for many years discipling others and reaching the lost. Their vision is similar to ours, so much so that I was invited to PNG to teach, preach, and share the Gospel in August. Pray for our trip that our team would not get tired and worn down so that God can be glorified through our connections as we minister in PNG. (pic 3) Our connections with them have also enriched our local church by exposing the church to international culture. Participating in an international service at our local church has brought a new dimension to the church. Several international services have led to planning an International conference in December.



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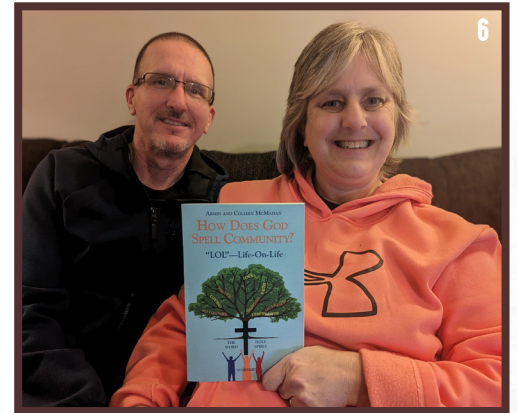


(pic 4) Colleen has been busy working at our local church teaching and pouring into kids ranging from pre-K to 7th grade. What exhausting but rewarding work. For Colleen it has been physically, mentally, and spiritually draining, but seeing the kids grow in knowledge both academically and spiritually has been nothing short of amazing. One of the older kids admitted his need for Christ's salvation after Colleen shared the 3-circles gospel share. Many of the other kids are learning appropriate boundaries and character development which will pay dividends for years to come. God is good all the time.



We welcomed our first grandchild, Sunderlynn Rae McMahan, into our family in late March. She is the joy of our day when we get to visit and watch her. (pic5)

(pic6) We finally published our book, *How does God Spell Community, "LOL," Life on Life*. You buy a copy on Amazon or if you are in our area get hold of us. We hope it will encourage people to form a relationship with the Savior of the world Jesus Christ and that this great salvation will cause them to take this good news to all the world. During this process we also hope that new believers will see the need for community with God and other believers who are like minded. True repentance will lead the believer on a journey to get to know Jesus that will lead to true eternal life.



Praises!

With glad tidings we give thanks for the birth of our first grandchild.
Our local church has seen the benefit of connecting with the international community.

Prayer Requests

- For strength, rest, and wisdom to plan the trip to PNG
- To guard against distractions and temptations that might lead us into sin
- That we won't become weary in sharing the gospel and teaching disciples that want to make disciples.

Love,
- Armin & Colleen McMahan

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Hebrews 10:24-25

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the day drawing near."