



## Kauffman Ministry Update

### December 2023

In this season, most struggle to find peace--whether it's grieving what is no longer here, getting caught up in the hectic nature of this time of year, or whatever heaviness or negativity comes our way. Jesus spoke directly to that. He has left us peace and it's not like the world gives. It's easy to get caught up in making the Christmas season "perfect" as far as decorations, gifts for others, etc. Things may look nice from the outside, but that doesn't bring peace. We would contend that it troubles our hearts and brings fear of rejection, fear of failure and many others fears. Only time with the Lord will bring the peace that we are so desperately longing for. Our prayer for ourselves and you is that we are able to focus on seeking the Lord, amidst the insanity, and experience HIS peace.

#### FAMILY LIFE...

We cannot believe that 2023 is almost over. This year has been a blur, as we continued to travel to Jamaica and added Paige to our crew. Paige will be 9 months on Christmas Eve, and the crazy baby is already standing on her own. We expect steps soon. Jase has settled into homeschooling, a bit, and is now reading short books. Their love for each other is both fun and heartwarming. Please pray for wisdom as we try to help Paige sleep better.

#### WALSH'S, TEAMS FAITH ACADEMY...

One of our favorite parts of our ministry is mentoring Nick and Kezia Walsh. They have been with TEAMS for over a year now and got married in April. They lead TEAMS Faith Academy, which is an outreach and discipleship program for kids in our community. Each age group meets once a week and explores the Bible in age-appropriate ways. The program has filled a big need in the community, and we are praying that through this the Lord will capture the hearts of these kids. Please pray for Nick & Kezi as they continue to adjust to married life. Please pray for Wisdom as they lead TFA and seek to reach the young people in the community.

#### DISCIPLESHIP...

Mike and John continue to meet with Omar (our foreman) to study the Bible together and help him grow in his faith. He is planning on being baptized when we return in February. One result of TFA is a teen discipleship group that meets twice a month. Nick and Kezia dive deeper into what it means to follow Jesus with 6 teens who have committed to coming. We are excited to see their growth. Please pray for Omar and these teens as they seek the Lord and what it means to follow Him.

#### J-TEAMS/YOUTH TEAMS...

We hosted 2 youth group teams this past summer. That is in addition to the normal 4 J-teams. They provided a great connection and example for our TFA students. We are looking forward to hosting 2 youth teams again this coming summer.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE...

We are so blessed by your generosity and greatly appreciate the prayers and financial support you have given. We still have a need of \$600/month to meet our support goal. This can be accomplished by monthly, yearly, or one-time gifts. If you are interested in financially partnering with us, please reach out to us or go to [www.t4mm.org/donate](http://www.t4mm.org/donate).

Merry Christmas! May you know the Lord and his presence in a deeper way in this holiday season. We are so grateful for you.

Love,

Mike, Jayne, Jase & Paige

