



The Brown Family

Matt & Sarah,
Rylie, Isaac, Avery

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“Lord, the task is impossible for me, but **not for Thee**. Lead the way and I will follow.”

MARY SLESSOR (1848-1915)

We have hit 34%!! It may seem small, but to us, it seems like a mountain has been moved! And 50% by July doesn't seem so unrealistically out of reach!

Prayer Requests:

- ~That God might continue to open doors for us to share with churches and individuals
- ~Avery's heart to be softened toward the gospel, others, and our ministry with the Project Office—as she has heard our presentation over and over now, she is understanding more and more that we will be traveling often and she is becoming anxious and resistant when we talk about it
- ~Perseverance to work through assignments required for mandatory training and for the completion of our Bible Study Methods correspondence course
- ~Continued healing and rehabilitation for Rylie; also for her emotionally as summer soccer activities are going to be starting; that as she sits on the sidelines, she would continue to be an encouraging teammate and leader
- ~Matt & I will travel to Harrisburg for 2 weeks in July to take our 4th and final class, Missional Theology.

Praises:

- ~Praising the Lord for new partners!! We are at now at 34%!!!
- ~Thankful for the faithful partners that have committed to our ministry...financial & prayer partners
- ~Praising God for a successful ACL repair and awesome physical therapist & athletic trainer to navigate this 6-12 month rehab phase with Rylie
- ~So thankful for the way Isaac has stepped up in light of Rylie's limitations over the last few months—he has done this with a true servant's heart; also for how he is such a help with jobs in Matt's absence
- ~So thankful for our family & church family that supported us in January & February in so many tangible ways and for those who faithfully prayed for us during that time

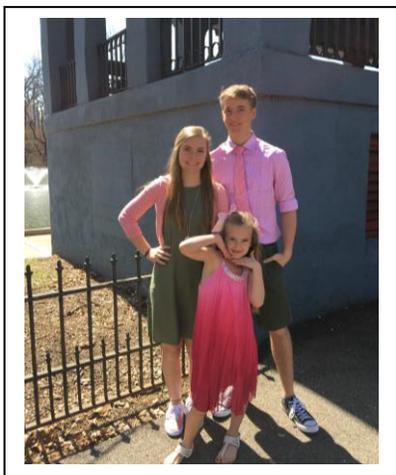
Happenings at Home:

~Well, it has been quite the 2018! Matt took me to Savannah between Christmas and New Year's. What an AWESOME Christmas surprise! AND THEN, on 12/30, Rylie tore her ACL during a basketball game. We are thankful for grandparents and friends who were there to care for and love on her in our absence. We returned home on 12/31. Avery and Rylie started with the stomach bug on 1/1. Rylie landed herself in the hospital that week for an overnight stay due to acute kidney injury from the dehydration. She had surgery on 1/23 to repair her ACL. We are praising God that there was no other damage to the knee. She has been in physical therapy (2 times per week) since the week *before* her surgery. And we have appointments scheduled 2 times per *week through the first week of August!* She is hopeful to play *some* soccer this fall but we don't want to rush the healing and rehab process. It will be 6-9 months post-surgery before they even think about releasing to sports. She does have an important "test" coming up in a week and a half (16 weeks post-op) to assess the strength of her graft and quad; if she "passes," she will be able to start supervised jogging in therapy!!! Big milestone!

~One of the perks to Matt's nation-wide training role has been the amount of airline miles & hotel points he has accumulated. It covered our trip to Savannah plus tickets for us to escape this crazy Ohio winter for a few days as a family. We were able to tag along with Matt on one of his trips to Florida. He is not a huge fan of the beach; he might even claim he is allergic to it! So, we took our beach days while he was working! Win, Win!!!

~Isaac had a great basketball season with the team finishing runners up in their conference. He is working hard to advance in his Trail Life rank and is finishing up an exciting track season. I call it crazy but he LOVES to run! And he loves to run—I mean **sprint**—the 400, 800, and 4 x 400.

~Avery had fun participating in a Little Dribblers program this winter and has been working to earn badges in American Heritage Girls, which included an overnighter at the Columbus Zoo!!! And no, we didn't sleep with the animals! She is also finishing up her kindergarten year at WL-S.



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