



# The Brown Family

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Rylie, Isaac, Avery

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NEWSLETTER

## We Are Thankful!

We want to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to those of you who have committed to pray for us and for those of you who have committed to support us financially. We are certainly in this together and thank God for each one of you who has partnered with us so far.

“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.” Ps 107:1

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God.” 1 Thes 5:16-18

“Thanksgiving—giving thanks in everything—prepares the way that God might show us His *fullest*...”  
-Ann Voskamp

God is BIG, faithful, and full of surprises. And He is certainly provides for our needs in unexpected ways and through unexpected people.

### Prayer Requests:

- That God might continue to open doors for us to share with churches and individuals
- We have an opportunity to share with a church in February.
- We have submitted a questionnaire to a missions committee who will be reviewing it on 11/20 –please pray this leads to a sharing opportunity in Dec or Jan.
- Our goal is to reach a level of support that would allow Matt to seek part time employment or a consulting role to afford more time to focus on fundraising and pre-field requirements. Currently, his work and travel demands have increased. This is a BIG request for us!

### Praises:

- Sarah was able to scale back her hours at work to allow more time for homeschooling & pre-field requirements/ministry demands.
- The school year has gotten off to a good start with preschool, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> grade!
- We are at 11% support, which is on target according to other project office pre-fielder experience at just a few months into fundraising. (We were beginning to get a little discouraged.)
- Matt’s current employer now knows about our commitment to the ABWE PO and didn’t cut all ties immediately as we expected. GOD is GOOD.

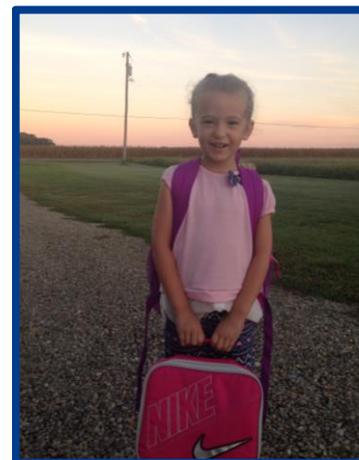
The busyness of our lives leaves little room for the SOURCE of our lives when we don't take the time to slow down, taste life, give thanks, and see God. Thanksgiving creates abundance—say it is enough—and He makes it more than enough.  
Grace, Thanksgiving, Joy. -Ann Voskamp

As we have been extremely "busy" this fall, I have been reminded to thank God in the small things...to see God, to experience Him.

Here are some pictures from our "busyness." Thankful for it all!

Rylie is a freshman this year and played soccer on our local HS soccer team. She worked hard all season and dressed several varsity games at the end of the season—getting some varsity playing time. Her JV team is the winningest JV team in WLS history with a record of 8-1-1. She won the JV hustle award at the awards banquet—an award voted on by both varsity and JV players. Oh, yeah...how could I not mention Homecoming 2016! #hoco2k16

Avery started preschool "fulltime" this year to continue receiving speech therapy services. She is making great gains with her speech sounds plus she is making tremendous social gains—she is not afraid to talk in class and the teachers consider her a leader and an example for the other kids this year. She played soccer this fall, too!! Thankful for the little things! Now for carryover into other settings.....Little steps.



And Isaac played soccer AND ran cross country this fall. He surprised us all and was the number 2 or 3 runner on his team until he sprained his ankle in the league meet. For soccer, he was asked to play in the middle school all-star game.

We are also proud of Isaac for being selected as Trail Man of the Year for our region of the state.