

# NEWS from the Detwilers

## IS IT OR ISN'T IT?

Summer 2019

Do you recognize this plant? Don't drop the page. Hang in there with me.

Like most of you, I have an aversion to Poison Ivy. And this aversion is well founded. When I get Poison Ivy – and I have had it badly more than four times— I REALLY GET POISON IVY! My last episode lasted more than seven weeks and started very innocently. I was working in our yard pulling weeds. That's all. Just pulling weeds.

Every time I get poison ivy I remember that as a young girl, I earned a badge for identifying some of the more familiar weeds, flowers and trees. Remember the old axiom, "leaves of three, let it be?" You would think that I would be able to spot Poison Ivy fifty feet away. But don't be too quick. Take a closer look at the picture. What you see is Boston Ivy NOT Poison Ivy. In fact, they say that it is hard to distinguish this and a few other harmless plants from that itchy villain in their open and natural environments.

Where am I going with this? I thought you'd never ask. For the past two years we have asked you to pray and have shared with you our decision to find, with God's help, a new and dare I say 'final' location for the Detwilers. We have learned through our many years of moving and change, that when you anticipate more than two or three areas of stress coming your way, it is best and wise to reach out and grab one and deal with it. It lessens the complex stress that would have hit you if all had come at once.

So, when TWR told us that we could continue to serve in our current position from a remote location, we saw the opportunity to grab one of our future stresses and handle it in advance. We did a lot travel, research, asked a lot of questions and we feel that the Lord has opened a door for us in a place we never imagined: Florida. Now when people say they are moving to Florida, immediately the next question is, "Are you retiring?" NO! We are grabbing a huge stress (moving), while we are strong and healthy enough to handle it, and making it happen. The packing, the decisions, the work, the stress can all be accomplished as we plan it, and not by surprise.

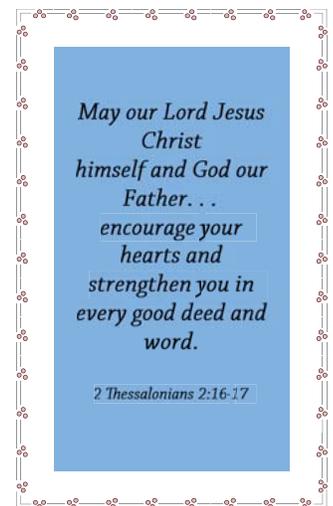
Our service with TWR is and will continue to be our main priority. Nothing will change (Lord willing) until the Lord leads us to do otherwise. You will continue to hear from us, get regular updates and even our regular deputation visits as we fulfill what God has called us to do. In short – don't be confused. This move is Boston Ivy, NOT Poison Ivy.

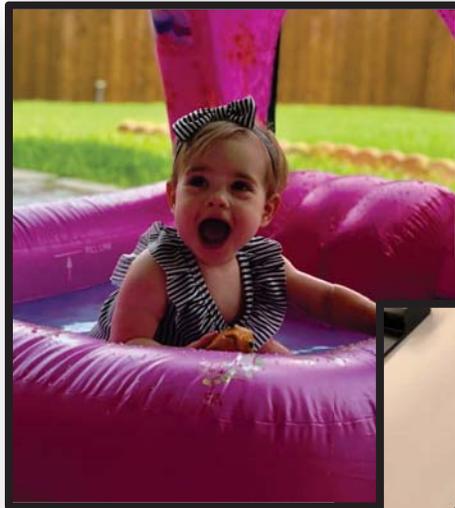
In the meantime, as we finish out our time in North Carolina, we would appreciate your prayers. There is still the actual closing, the move and then settling into our new location that is ahead of us.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. The farther along the trail we get, the more we need them and the more they mean to us.

Loving you and praying for you,

*Curt and Carol*





Kyla is growing and changing every single time we see her. Our last "visit" was a screen chat watching her laugh and play. And blowing a kiss to us has got to be the biggest heart grabber.



Ray and Lindsay treated Katie to a special birthday celebration. We were so proud and pleased that our kids not only love being together, but would go out of their way to celebrate each other. God is so Good..

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- *Curt is looking ahead to possible trips, assessing the risks in various locations. Pray for the Lord's direction.*
- *Please pray for us as we close out the myriad details of our residence in North Carolina and then set up a home in Florida*
- *Pray for Ray and Lindsay as they raise Kyla.*
- *Please pray for Katie. She started a new job and the initial training and getting "up to speed" is always hard. Pray that she will grasp it all quickly and that she will be a blessing.*
- *Praise the Lord for our faithful supporters who continue to make it possible for us to serve the Lord with gladness!*

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