



Prayer Requests

- **Praise:** Individual gifts have come in unexpectedly in previous months.
- **Pray:** Grace and strength for the upcoming school year for both boys.
- **Pray:** Growth in our Christian walk. We want to reflect Jesus in all that we do.

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How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things. (Romans 10:15b)

Storytelling in Slovakia

I recently was asked, “Andy, how long have you worked in radio?” My response even surprised me. I answered, “Thirty-six years.” Wow. I must be getting old. During all those years of interviewing guests, gathering and reporting news, and now hosting and producing *Footsteps*, I actually have learned a few things which have made me a better storyteller. That’s why I was



(Bratislava, Slovakia)

excited and honored to be invited to conduct a workshop on audio storytelling at TWR’s European National Partners Conference in Bratislava, Slovakia, in March. In my presentation called “The Power of a God-Story,” I



(Andy leading a workshop at NPC 2018)

gave my European colleagues tips on recording and editing stories related to the amazing work that our great God is doing throughout the world these days. The conference was also an excellent source of material for upcoming editions of *Footsteps*. I truly am humbled when I think about the fact that the Lord has specifically called and equipped me to be a reporter on the fulfillment of the Great Commission! (Andy)

Shining in South Africa

In late May and early June, I traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa, where I had the privilege of serving as the executive producer for “Shine-Africa,” our first-ever on-air fundraising event in that part of the world. For three days, we featured testimonies of changed lives and invited our listeners in South Africa and Malawi to partner financially with us. It was



(Andy in the studio with the TWR-Africa staff)

a great success in many areas! Most of all, it was very affirming for the TWR staff in Africa. They were not accustomed to receiving so much encouraging listener feedback in such a short period of time. I always loved our annual “Share” events when I worked for Moody Radio in Chattanooga, and now I get to teach my TWR colleagues around the world how to conduct similar God-honoring fundraisers. What a joy! “Shine-Africa” even made the 16-hour, non-stop flight from Atlanta to Johannesburg worth it. (Andy)



Napier Family Happenings

The school year has come to an end! This has been the hardest year of our lives. It has been so hard to watch Sam struggle with depression and anxiety related to school. There have been times we've wondered where God was in all of this and why wasn't He hearing our prayers for Sam. John Edward didn't always understand why his brother couldn't just "do it," and so he had days when he couldn't do it either. Near the end of the school year, God gently spoke to my (Kathy) heart letting me know He heard each of our prayers. No, He didn't fix things the way we thought He should, but He had seen us through the year. We were able to remind Sam that his Father had seen him through each day and that he had made it to the end of the school year without quitting. Often, we pray and expect God to act on our behalf in the way we want Him to. God doesn't work that way. He knows what is best, and He asks us to trust Him. Psalm 73:28 says, "But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all your works." With the trial we have faced, we have had to draw nearer to God, and we can now declare that even though He didn't work the way we wanted Him to, He was at work.

It's going to be a busy summer!

John Edward attended Camp Generate in June. He was involved in service projects and times of worship and Bible study.

Sam will be attending Scout Camp for the last time the first week of July. It is bittersweet for him.

Our family will be going to Bonaire for two weeks. Andy will be working, and Sam will join him doing some volunteer work at the office. John Edward and Kathy will have time to explore and relax.



Have you ever tried to pull off a surprise from 500 miles away? I wanted to surprise my mom on her birthday in May. I had even thought about not letting my dad in on the secret, but since it was a big one, I decided he could help. Andy and I had gone back and forth about him and the boys joining me, but the boys still had school, and I wanted to stay a number of days.

I asked my dad what his plans were for mom's birthday before I let him know my plans. He mentioned the gift he planned to get her, but he hadn't thought beyond that.

I asked him if the church he pastored, Bryant Baptist, might possibly do something. That gave him an idea, and the next day he made some calls. The surprise was growing. The congregation, really special folks, joined in by agreeing to prepare a meal for her after the morning service. My dad called my aunts and uncles, along with my brother, to invite them to come on Sunday. After he had gotten everything lined up, including renting a place to have the party, I let him know that I was coming home. He was surprised and excited.

I flew home the day before my momma's birthday. My brother picked me up from the airport, and we drove to Alabama. I had suggested he go in and then I'd come in afterwards so he could get a video. Unfortunately, my mom happened to be outside, and she heard me asking my dad about where she was. She was in the backyard. She later said she heard my voice but couldn't imagine that it would be me. I will never forget the look on her face. It was one of shock. She had trouble thinking when she realized it was me. Once I hugged her, the tears started to fall. I had really surprised her!

The next day, most of her siblings joined her at church which she wasn't expecting. At the end of



the service, my dad announced that the church family had a meal prepared, and so the surprise continued. It made for a very special birthday! (Kathy)



Hey...that hurts!

Have you ever been bitten by a lion? In Africa? I can now mark that item off my bucket list! While petting a six-month-old lion cub at a safari park in South Africa, my new friend decided to see what I tasted like. Honestly, I think he smelled the chicken pie that I had eaten with my hands at breakfast. I must admit, a six-month-old lion has some powerful jaws! Thankfully, I was wearing a jacket or the bite might have broken the skin. Still, take a look at that bruise on my arm. While I don't have a scar, at least I have a photo to prove it really happened. (Andy)

