



Prayer Requests

- **Praise** for answered prayer regarding the boys' education for the next year.
- **Pray** for safety as Andy travels to Kentucky and South Africa this month.
- **Pray** that we finish the year fully funded.
- **Pray** for us as we seek to find a church that we can call home. This is such a desire for our family.

If you would like to be removed from our mailing list or would like to receive it by email, please let Kathy know at knapier@twr.org. You can also contact us at (919) 460-3791, anapier@twr.org, or [facebook.com/TWRNapier](https://www.facebook.com/TWRNapier).

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

DEPUTATION 2017

What is "Deputation" anyway?

Our family spent the last two weeks of July on "deputation" for TWR. So, you might be asking, "What exactly is deputation?" Do you remember on *The Andy Griffith Show* when Barney would recruit Floyd or Gomer as deputies? Well, that's not what we mean! In the world of Christian missions, deputation is a time for missionaries and missionary candidates to visit with churches and individuals in an effort to raise the needed financial support so that they may reach their field of service or remain there. Initially, when God called us to TWR, it took about 20 months of deputation before we were fully supported and ready to move to the TWR Headquarters in Cary, NC. Now, 4 years later, because of the ever-increasing cost of benefits, we hit the road in July in an effort to raise an additional \$900 in monthly support. From our home base at Kathy's parents' house in Bryant, AL, we covered over 1900 miles, met with 18 individuals and families, and visited 5 churches. Most of our time was spent catching up with current friends and supporters, some of which we had not seen in over five years. Those times were special! We also were



thankful to pick up some new support as well as make connections with 3 new churches. While we realize that we couldn't meet with all of our friends and supporters on this last trip, please don't give up on us! We'll be scheduling another time of deputation in the near future because we still have a ways to go to meet our goal. For now, pray for us, and let's keep in touch.



Have You Listened to Footsteps Lately?

By God's grace, *Footsteps* is now being aired on over 125 Christian radio outlets across the U.S., on Bonaire, and in Norway. It's also available on demand on TWR360. In recent weeks, we've spotlighted stories from Joni Eareckson Tada, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Camino Global, and of course, TWR. When I think about all of the ministries, countries, languages, accents, and music that are featured on this daily program, I truly believe that *Footsteps* is the most culturally diverse program in Christian radio today. So, have you listened to *Footsteps* lately? Just click on the link below:

<https://www.twr360.org/footsteps>

and listen to an episode or two. You might even want to share some of them on *Facebook*. Thanks.

While attending one of our supporting churches, we were able to share and update the church on what we've been doing. After speaking, the pastor encouraged the congregation to consider the fact that by partnering with us, they were getting "more bang for their buck" because of the huge footprint of TWR around the world. That was the first time we had heard anyone put it that way. With us getting closer to the end of the year, we realize that we are falling a little behind in being fully supported for the year. Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us monthly, quarterly, or annually? You will be part of a ministry that proclaims the Gospel in 230 languages to over 4.1 billion people. That is bang for the buck! THANK YOU for partnering with us.

In August, we were able to get away on vacation. We stayed in the home of some very gracious friends on Amelia Island in Florida. It was a time for our family to relax and rest from the business of deputation before the new school year started. We enjoyed time in the pool, at the beach, and going to the downtown area to browse and eat.



Napier Family Happenings

While we were home in July we were very busy! We stayed at my parents, but when we're doing deputation, it seems as though we don't get to spend a lot of quality time with family. We always give Sam and John Edward the choice of staying with my parents or going with us when we meet with people, and most often, they choose to stay with their grandparents. We did have a few days where we just did things with my parents. Andy and I were able to go to his sister's a few times, and he had a day where he went alone. Together, they went through much of their mother's things. It was a bittersweet time. My Aunt Judy hosted a dinner one night, and we were able to see my brother, sister-in-law and most of my aunts and uncles along with a few cousins. I miss seeing my family, and I so appreciated my aunt opening up her home to us all.



A New School Right Next Door

At the end of this past school year, we knew we needed to make a change. With me working part-time, Sam was not getting what he needed with homeschooling, and we were not completely pleased with the school John Edward was attending. We researched options and prayed. We discovered there was a school right next door to TWR called Triangle Math and Science. It is a charter school, and we had to apply for the boys to get in. We knew that both would have to be accepted, or it wouldn't work for us. We applied, waited, and trusted God for His will to be done. Sam was accepted. We emailed the school because we didn't want to commit to Sam going if John Edward didn't make it in. We were told to go ahead and submit Sam's paperwork and that John Edward would then move to the top of the waiting list. Two days later we received news that John Edward had also been accepted. Before school started, we met a Christian couple where both of them teach at TMSA. The wife is now Sam's Spanish teacher, and both the husband and wife frequently check up on Sam and John Edward. We feel this is an added blessing with this being our boy's first year at a new school. By the way, the school is very diverse culturally. Our boys are in the ethnic and religious minority. This is a mission field for them! Pray that they would have courage and boldness to share their faith. John Edward has already learned a bit about the Hindu faith because of one of the students he eats with. I've shared with him that if others are able to talk about their religion and what they believe, then the door is open for him to do the same.



Since the school is next door, we all ride together in the mornings, and the boys just walk over to TWR when school is over. They have time to do homework, volunteer, or just relax before it's time to go home. Sam is having a hard time adjusting to being back in school. Please pray that he will be less anxious and settle in to this new routine.

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