



# note FROM nicole

**W**hen upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done. The words to this familiar hymn come to mind as I write this newsletter. It seems everyone, me included, has said at some point this year, "2020 is the worst ever!" But it's impossible to think that when you stop and remember all the blessings from our Heavenly Father. So, as an encouragement to myself, and hopefully to you too as you read this, I will be focusing on the gifts from God over the past few months.

*"You have multiplied,  
O Lord my God,  
your wondrous deeds  
and your thoughts  
toward us;  
none can compare  
with you!  
I will proclaim and  
tell of them,  
yet they are more than  
can be told."  
Psalm 40:5*

Now, you would think that losing six weeks of honorariums would really hurt the ministry financially, but God is good and faithful! When comparing the numbers from last year's full

summer to this year, there was only about a \$2,500 difference! We are continually amazed by people's generosity.

We had the fun opportunity to work alongside some other ministries. We were able to tour and film our puppets, Stephen and Lydia, at a Christian radio station in Traverse City and Alpha Family Center of Lowell. Those videos will be available sometime soon on our YouTube channel.

Summer travel and ministry was about half of what a normal schedule looks like for us, but the weeks we were allowed to do became that much more special. Fellowship with other believers was refreshing and encouraging; and we, as a team, were ministered to by the very people we were serving! The body of Christ is a blessing! And we had the privilege to see boys and girls come to Jesus.



The beauty of God's world always brings a smile to my face and gives peace to my heart knowing that since

He has power over creation, nothing is out of His



control. The sunsets were particularly wonderful this summer and the bloom of this evening primrose flower was a surprise late one night. We even took a little road trip one day

and drove along the coast of Lake Huron in the upper peninsula just to enjoy the scenery.



With a shorter summer schedule, I was able to spend a little more time with my family during a few of the holidays and

even got to go to my nephew's birthday party. I was thrilled to meet my *new*



nephew, Estes, and help out my sister in law for a few days, too. Family time is always so sweet.

For a few years now, many of you have been praying with me about my car situation. It was getting old and I was needing something more reliable. Praise the Lord, over Memorial Day weekend, He lead me to the perfect one! It's a 2017 VW Jetta with low miles and even the extra special bonus of a sun roof. I had been praying and saving with the hope that I could buy it debt free and God answered that request.

You, too, are a blessing! I'm so very thankful for your support, prayerfully or financially! This has definitely been a weird year for all of us, and I'm excited for the day when we can all be together in heaven with our Lord and Savior. But until then, let's keep persevering and trusting, being a witness for our King.

*Joyfully Serving,*

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