

"...ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

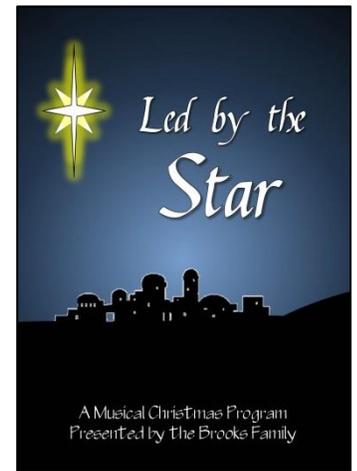
Fall 2016

As summer has faded into autumn, we find ourselves admiring the handywork of God's paintbrush highlighted in the beautiful fall colors. Fall's arrival also marks the peak of the harvest season, and we thank the Lord for the abundant harvest He supplied from the garden. The pantry is full and there has been extra to share. We are also counting the blessings of a spiritual harvest in the souls that were saved through summer ministries. It is so neat to see the smile on the faces of those who have just trusted Christ as their Lord and Savior – their whole demeanor changes as a load has been lifted from their hearts. For my own life, I am reminded of the Psalmist's words in Psalm 51:12, "Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation."



many hours planning it (choosing the four different crafts, making samples, gathering supplies, etc.). She also shared a devotional on friendship going along with one of the crafts, a friendship knot.

As we look ahead, we are working on our Christmas program to share in churches in December. The title for this year's program is "Led by the Star". If your church would like us to share this program during a regular service time or for a special Christmas dinner program, please contact us so we can work it in our December schedule.



Praises: We praise the Lord for another church that has voted to support us, and for discipleship opportunities. We are also grateful for a few days in September when we were able to pull our trailer into Shawna's grandparents' backyard to spend some time with them and do some projects for them around their home. (While we were there, her grandfather, Dr. Robert Williams, had a stroke which left him unable to communicate and get around. Several weeks later he went to be with his Savior.) We praise the Lord also for a special gift that was able to be put toward a small enclosed trailer to use to haul the Christmas program set and sound system for Christmas programs.

Prayer Requests: Please pray that the Lord would use the Christmas program to bring many to Himself, for strength and good voices as we present the program, for safety traveling, that our Sundays will be filled ministering in churches, and that our support level would continue to increase. We still need another \$1,785 to meet our support need of \$2,500 a month.

Serving the Savior, *Erich & Shawna and family*



In October, we took a day to go hiking as a family. Not only did we get to enjoy the fall leaves and some amazing waterfalls in Ricketts Glenn State Park, but I was also able to get some cool pictures of the waterfalls to use in our powerpoint presentations and for the inspirational backgrounds page on our website. You'll have to check out a few of those waterfall pictures at www.ripplingbrooks.com/inspirational-backgrounds

This fall we have been involved with several events at camp, including a men's retreat and a ladies' craft day. Shawna really enjoys the craft day and spent

