



# THE VALIANTE FAMILY

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

**A SEASON FOR PROJECTS.** After an extremely busy spring (which included a trip to the Philippines to take part in our 1<sup>st</sup> Haven of Grace Seminary graduation), I was able to get back, get some rest, and then launch into some projects. The main project for the summer has been preparing my course notes for Church History (the class I will be teaching this fall). Counting the time reading, researching, compiling and editing notes, etc., this project will take me anywhere between 400 to 600 hours. This is such an expansive (albeit vital) study. Church history offers so many lessons, warnings and encouragements. Sadly, many pastors are deficient in their understanding of the past 2,000 years of the Christian church which puts them in a vulnerable position when it comes to formulating sound doctrine, counteracting heresies, being knowledgeable about various cults and religions, and simply making wise choices as a leader. There are countless pitfalls a pastor can avoid just by becoming familiar with church history.

**INDIA/NEPAL WORKSHOPS.** Pacific Rim Missions International has been hosting workshops for pastors at the India/Nepal border for the past few years. It has been about a year since I had the chance to teach these men. This past week we jumped back into our study on Pneumatology (Study of the Holy Spirit)—with an particular emphasis on the gift of tongues. It was a great first session, and I am looking forward to continuing to dig into 1 Corinthians 14 with these students. They had some great questions to start with, and it is a joy to see their hunger to learn more about God's Word.

**FAMILY UPDATES.** The summer is a good time to give an update on our family. **Sarah** is enjoying the break from homeschooling. She has her plan in place for the fall, and has ordered all of the materials for the upcoming year. She does a great job organizing the schooling for the kids.

**Micah** (18) graduated this past May and has been serving at the Wilds of New England as a counselor this summer. He is having the time of his life. We are grateful for the ways that God is using him to make an impact in the lives of his campers. He has been able to have good conversations with many of his campers and encourage them in their walk with God. He was also able to lead one camper to faith in Christ. Back on June 29, Micah had the opportunity to preach the Sunday morning sermon at a church in Maine. This was the first full-length sermon he ever preached. I was really proud of the time Micah invested into the message. We wound up talking just about every day that week in which I was able to share some



resources to help him prepare. The sermon audio was recorded, so if you would like to listen to it, just click on the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/RBcYSqIJWKA>

Also, since camp counselors and summer staff only receive a small weekly stipend, our home church, Lighthouse Baptist (Newark, DE), has set up a special fund (Youth For Ministry) to help support Micah. All funds (up to a designated amount) will go to support and encourage Micah in this great opportunity. Any funds given above and beyond the designated amount will remain in the fund to help encourage other young people to dedicate their summer to serve the Lord. We are really proud of Micah and his heart to minister to people. If you would like to make a donation, just click the link below, and when directed to the tithe.ly app or website for Lighthouse Baptist Church, click the drop-down arrow and select "Youth For Ministry."

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**Emi** (7) is full of life. She recently attended a basketball camp and had a blast. She is growing in her understanding of Who God is and (within the past few weeks) made a profession of faith in Christ.

For all of our children, we pray that they will have a genuine, personal faith in Jesus that changes them from the inside out. It is good to see God doing that work in each one of them in His time and by His grace.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

Serving Christ,  
The Valiantes  
*2 Corinthians 5:14-15*

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**Kiersten** (17) has been working at a local bakery (Bing's Bakery) on Main Street in Newark, Delaware. She has really enjoyed this new challenge and we are proud of her dedication and hard work. Lord willing, she will graduate from Mount Sophia Academy this spring.

**Lydia** (14) continues to be a fun-loving, sweet girl. Thankfully, she has now been seizure-free for 5 months. We are praying that the medication she is on continues to help her remain seizure-free.

**Jonas** (11) had a great trip with me to the Philippines. Unfortunately, after we got back, his dizziness (which he was dealing with before the trip) has gotten worse. There have been a lot of tests (and a few false alarms), but right now the best guess is "dysautonomia."



### **Prayer Requests:**

- For a great start to our upcoming fall semester at Haven of Grace Seminary
- To complete my course notes for the Church History course I will be teaching

### **Praises To God:**

- For a wonderful 1<sup>st</sup>-ever Graduation at Haven of Grace Seminary in May
- For God's continued working in our family.