

The last few months have been a whirlwind. The Lord has certainly shifted some things in our lives and had us wait on a few things, as well. We had been preparing for our initial event for Tidechangers in February, but with the unexpected freeze, we ended up postponing it until this past month. If it's one thing we've learned over the years, it's that God's timing is perfect. We never want to rush or step ahead of God and what He's doing.

We had the Let's Take This Outside Event on April 10, 2021, and were blown away by the kids and the people in the community. We were so encouraged by every face, every family, and just the pure excitement these kids had for this type of program. Tidechangers is not only an extension of what the Lord has us in already (mentoring and being family to young adults), but it's also an extension of calling. To raise up men and women, young and old, to know they have hope and purpose, and can be all God is calling them to be. To surround kids with healthy families and help families become full of health and hope for the future!



Crowds in other countries came by the hundreds and thousands. Kids (and adults alike) were hungry and ready to receive because they usually have nothing else. They are desperate for Jesus!



But the Lord opened my eyes to something. First, that small numbers don't mean smaller impact. "Do not despise small beginnings." But also that God will grow this group exponentially. In addition, oppression and the need for Jesus is right in our own backyard. It's not that we haven't known this or that it hasn't been something we're aware of, but we're called to missions. We're called to the nations. But we're also called to THIS nation. We never wanted to go to Mexico per say. We never felt called to the people or the culture. We were just obedient to go. And until we got there and the Lord gave us a heart, His heart, for the people, we never knew how much we loved them. We never wanted to stay in the states. We never wanted to serve here. We would have served the Lord and lived in the dirt and had a simple life for the rest of our days. BUT GOD! He's reestablishing a fire for people...His people...here. And reconfirming that when we said "Yes," we said "Yes" to whatever He desired for us to do and wherever He told us to go. So we trust him.

Our time with the young adults has become super special! We love them dearly, and they fill our home and hearts with such joy! It's an honor to watch them grow! We get together for lunches at our home and fun events every month as a group; James and I do some individual coffee and lunch dates with some young adults who want to talk or catch up throughout the month; we have worship nights, game nights, and bible studies/book studies, (we started a girls night at our house which has been so amazing)! And we have seen such a growth and unity form amongst the group. It has been so awesome to do life and family with them!



Our kids have been thriving. Our family is doing well! The kids are doing well in school and growing spiritually! There's definitely been some spiritual warfare in and around us but we believe it is because of all the Lord is doing in our lives. It has caused us to draw more near to God and each other and pray each other up even more. It has allowed us to grow and strengthened our marriage, our family dynamic, and therefore our outpour.

We were also able to get away around Spring Break in March to San Antonio for some much needed family time away. But we love to be together. We like to do book and bible studies and discussions together, play games like CATAN (LOL), go out and make memories/have new experiences and adventures, and we like to watch shows or movies together! We spend a lot of intentional time with our kids because they are our first ministry. My husband and I also are intentional with our marriage! We take lots of lunch, dinner and getaway for an hour dates together. It is so important to foster that and our older kids do an amazing job of stepping up and babysitting our younger 2 so mom and dad can have that time. They value it too and want mom and dad to date. It's super sweet! Pray for our family and cover us! We need it as we go forward. The enemy would like nothing more than to stop what the Lord is doing in us and through us!



My job with The Children's Center Inc. has been great and more of a ministry than anything else. It's been a great fit for me as we balance family, life, church, and ministry with the young adults and the Tidechangers. James has slowly been picking up on home remodeling or construction jobs here and there, but surprisingly UberEats has proven to be a nice hustle that has started to bring in regular income. God is good! We know it's temporary, but works for the season we are in. Pray for our health, especially for my husband. He has battled health issues for about a year now. His bloodwork showed nothing abnormal, but his allergies, immunity, and body have been under attack. Pray for supernatural healing, energy, and strength!

We will be launching our Tidechangers chapter this month on May 11th and are off to a great start with our orientation meeting last night. Please pray for the kids and families in the churches and community to come! Pray for the kids who need it! Pray for the workers and volunteers. Pray that they would share in the Father's heart and passion for these kids, families, and this community. Pray for the space! Pray that we would be led in everything we do and that what we are doing here will bring nothing but glory to God and raise up kingdom minded, world changers! And pray we have lots of FUN! We are excited the Lord is giving not only the kids opportunity, but everyone involved has access to new relationships and lasting experiences!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

