



Kidding Chronicle



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Jehovahjireh

Today I packed up everything that I will need for the program I will be doing in a couple of days. The pastor was surprised to learn that we do not charge a “fee”. I shared with him that we are missionaries and it really is a “faith ministry”. Forty years ago when Vicky and I started out on this journey, we decided to live by faith and not by sight. We wanted to be available to share the gospel wherever the Lord opened the doors and trust God to provide. Let’s try to imagine how long any other “business” would keep their doors open if they adopted the same policy. It would be like going into a grocery store, filling up your cart and then when you get to the checkout they just tell you to leave whatever you like as payment for the food. Maybe you go to the gas station, fill up your car and they tell you to just put some money in the bucket by the door before you leave but only if you wanted to.

You might think that there would be people who would take advantage of that situation and not put anything in the bucket or at least not near what it was worth. Well, you are right. There have been countless churches that have taken advantage of us and given \$100-\$150 for an entire week of Bible school. It is times like that you just want to shake the dust off your shoes and move on trying to forget about what they did to you. However, can I tell you that forty years later, God is our provider. God has been faithful in meeting our needs as we continue to walk this road by faith.

Within the past couple of weeks I have received two phone calls from people asking how long we intend to continue with the ministry. All I can say is, I haven’t heard from God that we are to do anything different. Yes, I have turned 65 and as I look around me I see lots of my friends who are retiring. For us, there hasn’t been any retirement planning. There hasn’t been the funds to set aside and invest. Anyone can go to www.guidestar.org and see exactly what we have made over the years. If you do, you will see that our income for the past three years has averaged \$6,776. No, we have chosen NOT to be on any government assistance programs even though we qualify. But can I tell you this? My God has supplied our every need. The same Jehovahjireh who provided for Abraham in Genesis 22, Elijah in I Kings 17, a widow with oil in 2 Kings 4 and countless others is the same Jehovahjireh who is taking care of us.

So what does the future hold for us? That is a question none of us can answer. Those who have planned, saved and invested and feel they are all set for the rest of their lives can lose it all in a matter of hours. All of us are depending on God. As for us, we will continue to do as many programs next year as possible. There are still boys and girls who need to hear the gospel and that is what He has called us to do. In order for that to happen, we need those of you who can, to give as you are able. God provides but He uses His people to do it.



Answered Prayer

Many of you are on our “Prayer Group” email list. We use that list to keep everyone updated on a regular basis as to what is going on in our lives and ministry. Email is free and a LOT easier and faster than doing a letter like this. We also use Facebook for even more frequent updates. We would go as far as to beg you to get on these two information sources so that you can really know how to pray for us.

One of the things that snuck up on us that happened so fast there wasn’t time to get a letter out involved our oldest son, Kedron. It was discovered that he had papillary thyroid cancer. Within a very short time they had him scheduled for surgery to have the thyroid removed. We tried to get the word out to as many prayer warriors as possible as soon as we heard.

We praise the Lord that Kedron came through the surgery without any complications or surprises. He was able to return to work the following week as we waited for the lab results to come back which would determine the next steps. When those results came in we found that God had answered all of our prayers. Not one of the extra lymph nodes they biopsied contained ANY cancer. The tumor was large but contained in the thyroid. He had been told that he would likely need further radiation treatment. However, at this time, they are saying further treatment of any kind will not likely be necessary. He will be having blood work done in a few weeks which will determine if anything else will be necessary. We are asking God that the blood will be clear as well. Praise the Lord!





2013 From The Rearview Mirror

Nashville Tour; 5,000 miles, 28 days, 11 Nashville's, 4,500 in attendance. We would love to sit down with you and share all of the things we saw God do on this tour. God worked in the lives of so many different people of all ages and YOU made it happen.

Williamson, WV; We were privileged to share Christ at a church not far from where Sheldon's Dad grew up.

Lucille Rhodes (Sheldon's Mom) and her twin sister, Louise reached 90

Camps, Bible schools and churches; MI, OH, NY, WV, NC, GA, TN, AR, KS, MO, IN, IL, WI, NE, WY, UT, WA

Birth of Noah Hawley (grandchild #10) May 20

Program for Harold & Dee Vice; 50th wedding anniversary

Program for Born Family Reunion; At the church where Sheldon's Mother was saved in WV



Nashville Tour
April 21—May 12



Noah Richard Hawley
May 20, 2013



Lucille & Louise (Twins)
90 Years Young



Harold & Dee Vice
50 Years Together



The Church Mom Rhodes
Was Saved In



10 Grandkids
Doing Magic



Sheldon & Victoria
40 Years Together