



the Zeeryp Family



PLEASANT VALLEY BIBLE CAMP

When the Lord Closes A Door...

Julie Andrews has this line in "The Sound of Music" where she says, "When the Lord closes a door, somewhere He opens a window." She says it in that super cool British accent which makes it all the better! But, it makes us think about doors...open doors and closed ones, too! When the Lord opened the door for us to come to PVBC, it seemed a very easy door to walk through. Nathan still had his position with the ARMY National Guard, the kids fit into their new schools really well, our house in Cadillac sold rather quickly and Kim fell into her new roles at camp... Then, Nathan's retirement came and

"And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ..." Colossians 4:3



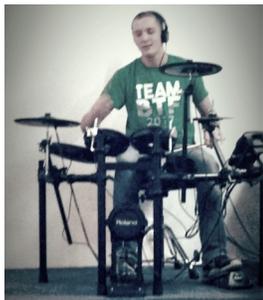
the whole idea of raising deputized support hit HARD. (It's what pays our bills!) The door of a larger paycheck hitting on the 1st and the 15th of every month has closed. Asking people for their support...um...That's a harder door to go through! How do we share our message with folks so they want to be a part of this mission to which God has called us? Well...first, they open their doors! They open their hearts and see that what Pleasant Valley Bible Camp has to offer has ETERNAL VALUE! Then we trust God that He will provide through His people. But, it takes open doors...



Open Doors Needed

Open Doors...that's where you come in! Do you have a small group, Sunday School class, or church congregation that we could talk with about our ministry? What about a circle of friends or co-workers that we could sit around a table with cups of coffee and talk? And, it's not all about us asking for money...maybe your group is a group of grandparents looking for a camp experience for their grandchildren. Maybe your Sunday School class is a bunch of teenagers looking for volunteer options for this summer. We want to talk about Pleasant Valley Bible Camp! It's where we live and it's what we love to talk about!

...Somewhere He opens a Window



In the past few months, we've had some pretty amazing "windows" open up to us. First of all, God gave us four "new" doors on a 2006 Jeep Liberty that was given to our family. What a window of blessing!

Then He opened some doors for our boys to use their gifts and talents in brand new ways at our church. Ethan is now singing with the Praise Team and Trevor has opportunities to drum for the Youth Band as part of our AWANA program. They both are enjoying a much larger Youth Group this year and have taken on leadership roles within that group. Nathan was selected to serve as an Elder on the Church Board. Windows of service to Him!



Pleasant Valley Bible Camp

This Fall Season has been a busy one at camp. We've concluded all of our events for 2017 ...Phew!! What a year! Our fall retreat numbers were considerably low and that can be discouraging. As we move into the next season here at camp, our buildings are getting winterized and some needed repairs and updates are underway. The floor in the Dining Hall got a facelift. It looks really nice. Also, thanks to some great volunteers, our Cooks Cabin looks amazing with a new interior paint job and some added décor!

Celebrating God's Faithfulness 1968—2018

We are gearing up for a great 2018! It's a year of celebrating as PVBC turns 50! Family Camp is coming back as well as a number of other super fun events! Come and CONNECT with Pleasant Valley Bible

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Camp'us' Connection...Notes from Alexis

Hello everyone!

I am doing great down here in South Carolina! I have a pretty light semester credit wise, only 12 credit hours but its a heavy work load. I am now the head lifeguard at the campus pool and I work 23 hours a week. I also just got accepted to work at the University's Children Development Center. I will be with children from newborn to 4 year olds during the day, feeding them, playing games, and helping the teachers give lessons. I am often running around the pool area and working with many people who have adopted me into their families or let me know they praying for me every time they see me. (Some even bring me iced coffee at my 5 am shift at the pool.) I have the most amazing roommates, we get along so well jamming out to our favorite Disney stations and working out together. We are very diverse but we have all agreed that we love this semester because we have each other to live with. I miss home like crazy and all my friends back in Michigan, but I am having a great semester with all A's and great experiences! I don't go out much unless I have time off from work to go to Starbucks, but people usually find me at the pool, in class, or in my room doing projects for my education classes. Thank you for all the constant support and prayers!



Winter Dates at PVBC:

Jan 26-28 Jr/Sr High Winter Camp
with Dan Willis

Feb 9-10 Jr/Sr High All Nighter

Feb 23-25 Jr/Sr High Winter Camp
with Nathan Breneman

Mar 2-4 College/Career Winter
Camp with Brian Harmon

Prayer & Praise Report...

Please pray:

- That we will have more opportunities to share our ministry with more people.
- That our marriage will continue to strengthen.
- That our monthly financial support continues to grow.
- For our upcoming trip to Florida over the holidays to visit Kim's parents.
- For safety and protection over our children.
- For our upcoming Winter Season at PVBC.

Reasons to Praise:

- We are blessed to have a wonderful church family at Eastport Baptist Church! We thank God for providing a great Youth Pastor (and his little Mrs.) for our guys to look up to!
- Our current financial support team now includes 3 churches!
- Nathan's transition from ARMY to PVBC has been very smooth—it's hard to believe that he's been at it for nearly six months already!
- Alexis is in her 3rd year at Bob Jones University & doing GREAT!!

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