

# JENKINS FAMILY JOURNAL

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## OUR SCHEDULE:

### JANUARY

PLEASANTVILLE	8
SEDALIA	8
RAYMOND	15
NEW HOLLAND	15
LONDON	22
WINCHESTER	22
HILLHAM, IN	29
DOVERHILL, IN	29

### FEBRUARY

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY (FREE WILL BAPTIST)	5
ORIENTATION CAMP	5-12
WGM CHAPEL SERVICE	14
OLIVE GREEN	19
NEW COVENANT	19
SOUTH SOLON	26
WALNUT HILL	26

### MARCH

HERTAGE MEMORIAL	5
CROSSROADS	12
CROOKSVILLE FREE METHODIST	19
MILLERTOWN	26

## CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE!

Merry Christmas! It's hard to believe that it's that time of year again. The time we decorate our houses inside and out with wreaths and lights. Time to put up the Christmas Tree and start buying presents to place under it. Time for Christmas parties with co-workers, friends and family. It really is a fun, but quite busy time of year. As we ourselves have been doing these things, my mind goes back to Papua New Guinea. It seems to do that a lot these days. I have been thinking about how the people of PNG will be spending Christmas. Yes, they too celebrate Christmas. But they do it a little bit differently. They won't be decorating their houses, inside or out. They won't put up a Christmas Tree. They won't even buy presents to give each other on Christmas Day. They will, however, have a Christmas party. This party is a carry-in

mumu (a meal cooked in the ground using hot stones). The mumu will be held on Boxing Day (the day after Christmas). And it follows three days of church services in which they focus on Jesus' birth and how God gave His Son for us. At first I felt a little sorry for them. How boring their way is compared to ours. But then I got to thinking about how I spend my Christmas season. I sometimes go to church on either Christmas day or the evening before, unless I have a Christmas party to go to. I usually read the Christ-

mas story in Luke. But the main focus is on giving presents, getting presents, and celebrating with family. And there is definitely nothing wrong with doing these things. But the more I think about it, I don't feel as sorry for the people of PNG. They may not do all the fun things that we do, but they do put their complete focus on Christ, and that is the whole reason for Christmas after all. Come to think of it, I wonder if they feel sorry for us sometimes.



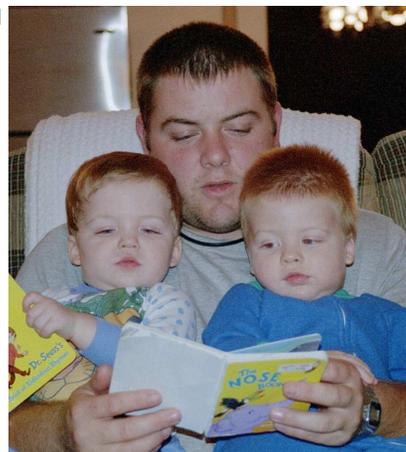
## WE'RE ON THE MOVE!

We're on the move in more ways than one these days. We've traveled to 25 churches in the past 12 weeks. We have definitely been on the move as we drove all over Ohio and even down into Kentucky. But even though it has kept us very busy, we have really enjoyed getting to know all of you. Thank you to those of you who have signed up to support us with your prayers

and finances.

We're also on the move to a new home in the next three weeks. After the first of the year we will be moving into the World Gospel Mission Student Involvement Center at Circleville Bible College. The SI Center is a place where students can come and hear testimonies from missionaries, play games, or just hang out. We are very excited to have the opportu-

nity to be involved in this ministry for the next several months. We were both involved with the SI Center when we attended CBC, and we are excited to be able to influence some of the students the way that we were influenced. And who knows, we may even help some of them realize that God is calling them to be missionaries to Papua New Guinea!



Cameron and Mark enjoying a bedtime story with Daddy.

## OUR BOYS

The boys are changing so fast these days. I am amazed at how quickly they learn new words and skills. If you could ride in our van with us on any given Sunday you would get an earful! One day in particular, Cameron started asking his favorite question: "What's that?". After the 15th time or so I told him that it was a car. Well, Mark picked right up on that. Off we went down the road with Cameron asking "What's that?" and Mark

answering "Car". We had to laugh at our silly boys.

It is such a blessing to have two little boys with two distinctly different personalities. If you have spent any time with them at all, you know they are not very much alike. Mark likes to make big messes with his toys, use his hammer and play with his cars. Cameron likes to put puzzles together and put all the different shaped blocks into the right holes. Life is

never dull in our home.

Cameron and Mark enjoyed their first snow the other day. They laughed and giggled the whole time. We had to cut the playing short when we discovered Mark had walked right out of his shoe and was stomping through the snow in his socks!

We praise God for the joy He has given us in our boys.

### Praises & Prayer Requests

- We are now at 27%!
  - The opportunity to minister at the SI Center.
  - The boys are healthy and happy.
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- Safety as we travel the roads this winter.
  - That we reach our goal of 45% by the end of February.



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