

Rippling Brooks Ministries

“...ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Winter 2016

It has been an exciting past few months for us. During the fall, the camp ministry is a little slower, with just a handful of events, but it wasn't really slower for our family as we have been busy ministering in churches. We praise the Lord that almost every Sunday we were out sharing the Word of God through preaching and special music. Christmas time also brought many extra activities, but along with that many extra opportunities to reach people with the gospel.

We started a family tradition a few years ago of doing odd jobs in November and December to raise money for a missions project as our “Christmas gift to Jesus.” The past few years we have made and sold Christmas cards as part of that. The girls began taking orders in November, and throughout the month we made over 600 cards!

Another big Christmas project for us was preparing for our family Christmas program, “Reason for Joy.” From writing the script, to building the set, gathering props, to practicing lines and music, there were jobs for everyone. The kids stepped up to the challenge and did all their parts very well. We were thankful to have opportunity to present the program through the month of

December. The birth of our Savior truly is a reason to be joyful all year long (Luke 2:10-11).

The beginning of December, Shawna spoke for a ladies' Christmas dinner, and we helped one church put on a Candy Cane Christmas party for their youth.

We also enjoyed opportunities to gather with family and indulge in some of the special Christmas treats. Erich traditionally makes his special tea roll, and for the first time this year, with the help of a new recipe sent our way, Shawna was able to make a gluten free version for the kids that looked like the real thing!

January has brought cold weather, but we are still hoping and praying for snow. Winter retreats at camp fill the weekends in January and February. Please pray that the Lord would open hearts to the gospel message and many others would grow in their faith.

We are hoping to have a full 2016 and have lots of openings to be ministering in churches. If your church would like us to come for evangelistic meetings, a special event, a camp presentation, or pulpit supply, please contact us through e-mail at ripplingbrooks@gmail.com or phoning us at 814-435-6525.

Serving the Savior,

Erich and Shawna Brooks and family

