

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

Spring 2020

The past few months have brought the advice found in James 4:15 home in a much more personal way to us, “For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.” While it is discouraging to look at a calendar full of planned ministry opportunities that have been canceled, we know the Lord is never surprised and never lacks for ministry opportunities for us. Those opportunities just may look different than we expected! As we sought the Lord’s direction in how we could be an encouragement to others from our home during this crisis, He opened doors for a variety of activities



including conference call hymn-sings, a Facebook live trivia night, and more. The kids also sent out 50 pictures with encouraging Bible verses on them and offered their musical abilities to create a variety of music videos.

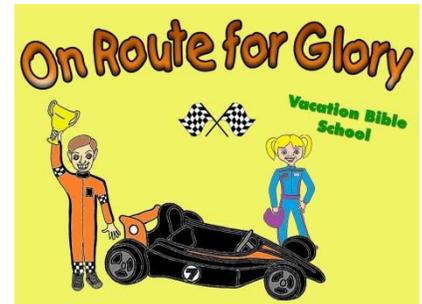
Erich and Blake used some of their extra time at home to finish clearing the property for the driveway project. We were able to get the excavation completed, and last week spread the gravel. The RV is now parked in its new home, and we have enjoyed having it right here, where all our tools are, to do some much needed maintenance. It is such a blessing to be able to finally see this project come to fruition after praying for years about it and then the past year and a half working on the process. We praise the Lord for His provision through it all.



Normally at this time we would be putting the finishing touches on the VBS set, packing boxes of prizes, and finishing up craft and game preparations. We are still working on VBS preparations, but as with everything else our summer isn’t going to look quite like we expected.

We have spent much time thinking and praying about how we could still reach others for Christ in the midst of social distancing.

As we wait for things to open up enough for churches to invite neighborhood kids in to a VBS program, we have rescheduled several of our first programs to later in the summer and will spend the beginning of June recording the opening, closing, and Bible lesson times to create an online VBS program that can be used in many different ways. Perhaps your church has decided hosting



an in-person VBS is not a good choice for this year. You could still host an online VBS, posting these videos to a church website or social media page throughout the week, (or even once a week for five weeks). If you are looking for opportunity for some personal interaction, we can help you put together packets of materials for crafts and other activities that you can deliver to the kids’ homes.

Do you have children on your street who would enjoy gathering as a smaller group to learn from God’s Word? Perhaps you could host a backyard VBS for them! We are trying to make it as easy as possible for you by putting together free Backyard Bible Club kits with online or DVD opening, closing, and Bible lesson videos; craft supplies; games; prizes; and even a few decorations. Give us a call or send us an e-mail if you would be interested in hosting a backyard VBS.

Look for more information on VBS to be added to our website in the near future, and the complete program by the middle of June.

Please pray with us that the Lord will be at work in hearts during these uncertain times and will draw many to Himself!

Serving the Savior,

*Erich & Shawna
and family*