

# 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

July 2023

This spring was busy with graduations. Breanna graduated the beginning of May with an Associate's degree from Baptist Bible College. Later in May, high school. Breanna is thrilled to leave academia behind and is pursuing on-the-job training for power sports mechanics. Breanna couldn't bear the thought of being done with school, and the Lord has supplied for her to return to Faith to pursue a Bachelor's degree. Beth, Brielle, and Braelyn continue to persevere through elementary and high school, enjoying the special opportunities that come along the way.



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Spring was also busy with VBS preparations. As always, everyone in the family's talents were put to work designing, crafting, and building special elements for the program. This year's theme, "Power Up 'n Throttle Out," focuses on the power of God's Word. It is



of us get too distracted to its power. It exciting to kids respond to the lessons at the four churches we have already been to this summer. Several children have made professions of faith in Christ while others are thinking and need prayer that the seed that has been sown will sprout and



God's very words to guide and help us on life's way, yet so many busy or draw on has been see the

grow. One young boy came with a friend and was excited to be given his own Bible. He took it home and came back the next day asking, "Why in the Bible does it say 'the son of . . . the son of?'" We were encouraged that he had gone home and actually opened and read the Bible! (Though Matthew's genealogies probably wasn't the most interesting place for a young boy to start!). It has also been neat to see many young people wanting to learn and being excited to be at vacation Bible school.

As we planned the VBS program, we also worked to update a children's Bible study we had written, with plans to make that available to the kids. Eventually we realized the project was a bit too big. But this week, thanks to provision from the Lord through a special VBS, we were able to start producing these studies. We look forward to putting this resource in the kids' hands to help them continue to love God's Word throughout their lives.



I know nobody wants to rush summer by thinking about fall activities while it's still July, but we are also looking forward to hosting another Creation Ride on Saturday, September 9. We will enjoy God's beauty, fellowship,



and God's Word as we ride the trails, stopping along the way to spotlight amazing aspects of creation. Full information and a registration form are available on our website ([ripplingbrooks.com](http://ripplingbrooks.com)).

We appreciate your prayers as we continue to serve in VBS ministry in six more churches this summer. Please pray that kids would come, listen, and respond to God's Word. Please also pray for health and strength as well as safety on the roads. We are very thankful for the safety we have had in the many miles we put on so far this year.

Serving the Savior,

*Erich & Shawna and family*