



from left to right: Felicity (2), Anna, Sabina (9), Jeremy, Grayson (6) & Cianan (16)

# Dehut's in Louisville, KY

## Settling Into Town

Dear Friends,

We have officially begun our labor in God's kingdom in Kentucky! As 2019 drew to a close, our family was feverishly working to finish moving the household from Alabama to Kentucky. God blessed us with a contract on our AL house in less than 72 hours on the market, and we successfully sold that house on December 13th. God also provided us with a contract on a new home in KY on December 24th, which we closed on just a week ago. We are in the process of trying to quickly fix it up so that we can move in (it was a bank owned home which sat empty for over a year).

More importantly than the house we will live in while in the Louisville area, is the congregation we will worship with. After a couple of months of prayerful visiting, the elders and church family of Oldham Woods church accepted us as members. We have all been excited to begin building relationships with the Christians we worship with and to settle into some kind of consistency after such a prolonged move.

Settling in has also allowed me to begin to focus more on my kingdom work! Here is what God has blessed me to do so far in 2020 along with some of the plans for the future:

### 1. Evangelism

Since I last wrote, here are some evangelistic opportunities that God has blessed me with:

- **Local Studies:** We have begun a weekly Bible study at local coffee shop studying the Minor Prophets. Our plan is to begin another one closer to the center of town.

- **Recharge Weekend:** Anna and I are making plans for our annual, fall Bible study before the kids head back to school. I will definitely share more details as this firms up.
- **SALT Camp:** For the last two years I have had the opportunity to teach a week-long Bible study at an annual young men's leadership camp in TN ([www.SaltBibleCamp.com](http://www.SaltBibleCamp.com)). We just had our planning meeting for 2020 and this year's theme is, "Be Thou My Vision". If you know any young men between the ages of 13-19 who would enjoy a camp like this, please encourage them to contact us or consider attending.
- **LIGHT Camp:** This is the inaugural year for a young lady's camp! Their theme and age range is the same. Anna has been asked to participate as one of the Bible class teachers. If you have any questions about this camp or possibly registering, please contact Ed or Sara Smith at (731) 363-5897.
- **Gospel Meetings & Workshops:**
  - Sep. 13-15 - Embury Hills, GA - Workshop for Singles
  - Nov. 1-3, 2019 - Trussville, AL - Biblical Counseling Workshop
  - Nov. 15-17, 2019 - Martinez, GA - The Life of Christ
  - Feb. 1-2, 2020 - Bowling Green, KY - Biblical Counseling Workshop
  - Feb. 23-26, 2020 - Gardendale, AL - Lessons from Christ
  - April 23-26, 2020 - Louisville, KY - Workshop for Singles
- **International Studies:** I would like to request your prayers about some potential opportunities. Over the last 12+ months I have begun receiving requests from individuals in other countries to possibly visit them to teach and preach. None of those requests have ever come to fruition, but after speaking with some more experienced brothers who have made such trips, I am more open to these possibilities. Please pray for these souls who are reaching out and for my wisdom in how to best respond.

## 2. Edification & Equipping of the Saints (Biblical Counseling)

By far, this area of my labor is the one I have had the most questions about, and from what I can tell it is an area of great need. I will try to quickly address some common questions I am receiving as well as try to help communicate the size of the need by the number of people seeking help.

### **Common questions:**

- Q. *What is Biblical counseling and how is it any different than secular counseling or therapy?*
- A. Biblical counseling is when a Christian humbly, lovingly, and skillfully uses the inspired word of God (including the gospel of Jesus) to speak truth into the life of another person. The Bible describes this process with a Greek word that is translated, "admonish" (Col. 3:16), "instruct" (Rom. 15:41), and "warn" (Col. 1:28). We see this process in texts like Neh. 8:7; Acts 20:17; 2 Sam. 12 and John 21.

Q. *Do you charge a fee for your counseling?*

A. No, I do not. I have always seen the counseling that we offer as a form of evangelism to those who are not yet Christians, and edification and equipping of saints for those who are (Eph. 4:11-14). All of these roles are a part of the work of an evangelist, for which I am supported. So I do not charge people who seek Biblical counseling.

Q. *Are you certified?*

A. No. I cannot in good conscience sign the doctrinal statement of the organization I have received the majority of my training from (The Association of Certified Biblical Counselors). However, I continue to attend annual training events and try to stay current on new studies and resources as they are released.

Q. *Is Biblical counseling (using the Bible to counsel) really part of an evangelist's work?*

A. 100% yes. Think about John the Baptist in Luke 3 as he helped different people make application of the truth to "bear fruits in keeping with repentance" (Lk. 3:10, 12, 14). Or consider Paul and the instruction he sent to Philemon to help him receive and forgive Onesimus. Helping non-Christians become Christians, then helping all believers grow into the image of Christ is definitely one of the roles of an evangelist (1 Tim. 4:6-16).

**WEEKLY STUDIES:** I currently have 9 weekly counseling studies taking place with 2-3 people waiting for a spot on the schedule to become available.

**EQUIPPING OTHERS:** I have a weekly training study that began in January. Currently two young Christians are attending this study.

**WORKSHOPS:** Workshop for Singles in Louisville, KY - April 23-26. This was planned based on the enthusiastic response we received to the singles workshop at Embury Hills last fall. Please contact me for additional details for this event.

Thanks from a recent counselee,

"Biblical counseling helped me mentally, emotionally and spiritually as my counselors used the Bible to directly help me with the devastation I was going through in my life. I learned how to use the power of the Word to keep me moving forward, pleasing God and increasing in faith. I learned godly coping mechanisms and habits to draw me closer to God when I felt weak...I am humbled and grateful for how much closer I am to God and how much stronger my faith has grown through this storm."

Thank you for your support and prayers so that I can provide studies free of charge!

### 3. Bible Study Tools (Appian Media)

We reformatted our previous Bible study guides for printing! Over the holiday season several members of our team were working late hours to prepare our study guides for printing. The goal is to have these available in the spring of 2020.

I have begun my research and studying for our next video project covering the seven churches of Asia called, Trial & Triumph! We are planning to schedule a production trip to Turkey for late spring of 2020. We are also in the process of writing the accompanying Bible study material.

Lord willing, I hope to begin writing and podcasting as soon as my schedule allows.

### Thank You!

I am only able to serve in these ways and say “yes” to these opportunities because of the financial support we are receiving from all of you. As of this report, we have received

#### Request Snapshot:

- Total support/month: \$6,500, of which \$5,266 has been committed.
- Projected time in Louisville, 2-5 years.

#### For Further Information:

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commitments of \$5,266.00 toward our \$6,500.00 monthly goal (this amount includes some one time gifts). I am so incredibly grateful for all of the congregations and individuals supporting my work while we live in Kentucky. If you happen to know anyone else who might be in a position to help make up our lack, please feel free to pass along this report and my contact information.

Please, continue to pray for me and the rest of the family. Please pray that I balance my various responsibilities, including those I have with my family. We made this move to live closer to my parents and I believe we have been successful in that

Your grateful brother in Christ,

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