



Preparing others to reach and influence the world for Christ

Family Update

Each month Austin and I love to brag on God, sharing with you what He is doing in student's lives. But as there is only so much room on a page, we are not able to share a ton about the family, so we'd like to get personal.

Apart from strategizing and walking out how to continually be more effective in preparing others to reach and influence the world for Christ, **Austin** keeps busy. This year he has been helping out with the Colorado Personhood amendment in many ways (personhoodcolorado.com), excitedly keeps tabs on the Rockies and is rereading some of his favorite books, *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper, *The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn, *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp and *The Master Plan of Evangelism* by Robert Coleman. Last month he officiated his first wedding for former students who met on the summer project we lead to Russia in 2008. Austin is a great father and loves to read to the boys when he puts them to bed at night and is excellent at keeping our family life full of adventure.



Lara Many people ask if I am involved in ministry and what it looks like being a mom. Yes, God has called me to be a missionary to college students as well as Austin, and I spend about 25 hours a week discipling girls and training them to reach and influence the world for Christ. I also help set direction and strategize with Austin on how we can better reach the campus to reach the world for Christ. I am in the 2nd trimester of pregnancy and starting to experience 3rd trimester symptoms, but as long as I have energy I'm ok with that. I've been working with my publisher on finishing up the final touches on the Bible study I wrote, *Beholding Him Becoming Missional; Awakening to the Mission Through the Study of First Samuel*. It is expected to be released on Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com mid-August. If you are in a women's small group, I think your group would be blessed by going through it. Check out BeholdingHimBecomingMissional.com



Asher, the Happy Blessing just turned 3 and is friendly, extremely intelligent (already reading small words), sensitive and verbal. He loves to talk, run, hear stories, play with his brother and take pictures. He is quite the charmer and melts my heart with the things he says like, "Mommy, you're so pretty. Uriah, look at Mommy, isn't she pretty". At times he pretends he is leaving for work and when asked what he is going to do at work, he says, "I'm gonna tell people about Jesus". We are praying God uses his intellect, determination and persistence for His glory.



Uriah, the Mighty Man is almost 2, loves to sing and is incredibly strong, mentally (counts to 13 and says the alphabet), emotionally and physically; the epitome of strong-willed. A couple weeks ago I went in his room to get him from his nap but he wasn't in his crib. He had climbed out, climbed up the changing table, pushed open the window and shoved himself out a small hole in the screen ending up on the roof. His head was peering in through the hole in the screen, crying because he couldn't get back in. When I asked him why he did that, he said "see window doing". Our prayer for him is that he would become meek in the hands of the Savior and be useable for His purposes.



It's a GIRL! Baby Eden is doing great. Her growth is right on track and she is very active. Austin and I, as well as the boys can't wait to meet her November 12th (or around then sometime).