

CHURCH PLANTERS TO WELCH, WV

The **BLAKE** *Family*



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Dear Faithful Supporters,

We would like to thank all of you who have called and texted our family over the past several weeks. As we stated in our last letter, my wife and daughter were in a car accident and then shortly after them, and I got sick from being in the ER. The next few weeks after that our daughter struggled with recovering from everything that happened. During Thanksgiving week, she began to feel very ill and had several episodes where she felt like she was going to pass out, then became cold, clammy and nauseous. After several days these episodes increased, and my wife took her to the ER at Cabell Huntington Hospital. This led to Leah being hospitalized while they ran several tests. We are so thankful to the staff there and the Lord for allowing us to find out exactly what was going on. There was concern she was having seizures, however Praise the Lord everything in her brain is normal. She is having times where her blood pressure drops suddenly, and she gets light headed and can pass out. She was also severely dehydrated. We are so thankful to finally have answers and a plan of how to treat it.

Please continue to pray for our girl. She has been through so much health wise in her life. These past two months have been extremely stressful and difficult for her and have taken a toll. We are continuing to pray for the Lord to give her peace and strength as we face these new challenges.

Through all this the ministry has still continued here in Welch. In November we had a clothing and water giveaway. We had several people come to receive these free items and a few of them expressed interest in attending a service or sending their kids to our youth group. Each family that came in we gave tracts to and talked to them about the Lord. One man that came had recently been under conviction and I was able to talk with him and lead him to the Lord! We praise Him for His goodness!

We have also had several new youth attend over the past few weeks. Some of them have also attended some of our Sunday Services as well. All of these new teens are unsaved. One of the young girls that came for several services came forward on a Sunday night and Michelle was able to lead her to the Lord! Please pray with us that these teens will continue to come, the others would be saved and they would grow in the Lord.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Holiday season. We are partnering with some of our supporting churches to do a Backpack giveaway once again. Each child will receive a backpack with non-perishables along with a Christmas present. Also, that day each family will receive a meal and sit through a gospel message. We are praying for many to come and to see souls saved!

We are also looking forward to some much-needed downtime and family time over the Christmas Holiday. These past few months our family has been attacked heavily and we are in much need of some rest. Thank you again for continuing to pray and for all of those that have given to our recent gutter project. We thank you also to the few who called and sent a special love gift. It certainly helped with all the travel we've done back and forth with Leah to the hospital and doctors. We are still seeking the Lords will concerning a vehicle and are just so thankful for how He's provided and protected! Thank you for allowing us to serve Him! Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

In Christ

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