

WESTSIDE *story*

AROUND THE CHURCH

- **Wednesdays in May** GROW
Ladies Virtual Bible Study
- **May 16** Virtual Couples Game Night
- **May 17** Pick up your Mother's Day Flower!
- **May 18** Virtual Regional Conference
- **May 25** Memorial Day
- **First Friday of each Month**
Day of prayer and fasting for the awakening of the church and the advancement of the Kingdom!
- **June 21** Father's Day

*Congratulations to
Lynn and Carolyn
Neuenschwander,
on their marriage, on
May 10, 2020!*

It's Been Five Years!

A Milestone of Service: From Gabe and Krista Pyle's Family

Written by: Krista Pyle



"This was not the storyline I had written out for my life. In fact, it's exactly what I had prayed against!"

So many emotions run through my head when I look at this picture. Five years ago, we were closing a big chapter of our lives and heading off to a new one - a chapter I wasn't so sure about. This was not the storyline I had written out for our life. In fact, it's exactly what I had prayed against. But as I remember feeling paralyzed and fearful about our next venture, the Lord gave me the image of Him going before us. As we stepped onto the plane, He was already there. As we set foot in the Dominican Republic, He was there waiting.

"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." -Deuteronomy 31:8.

Those words have brought me such comfort over the last five years. We've had many tears and days of wanting to throw in the towel, but through it all, the Lord has been faithful: even when my faith was weak. I'm so grateful that we serve a BIG God. A God who loves us enough to not leave us as we are. He loves us enough to pull us out of our comfort zone, to shape us and mold us to be more Christlike. If we hadn't been faithful to the calling of this next step, we would have missed out on the growth

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Reaching and Teaching Our World for Christ



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the Lord has produced in our lives (not to mention two boys that have joined our family) While this isn't the storyline I would have written, I'm so thankful that I'm not the author of my life! We serve a big God and I'm excited to see what the next 5 years hold!

The Freedom Campus continues to be a little too quiet! We miss all of our staff and students, and we can't wait to all be reunited. Here in the Dominican, we are still under a State of Emergency. This is scheduled to come to an end on May 17th. We hope to find out in the next few days what the next steps will be. We are so thankful for all your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for us as we face a lot of unknowns. Here are a few things that have been happening around Freedom!



Construction Continues!

While we haven't been allowed to bring any Dominican workers on campus, construction has continued. The lack of workers has allowed Gabe to step out of the office and be a bit more hands on. I think he's actually enjoyed getting a trowel back in his hands!



Team Effort

With the lack of construction workers, many missionaries have jumped in to help! We've all taken turns lifting block up to the fourth floor of the newest apartment and sifting sand. The boys wanted to try it one Saturday so Gabe and I spent a Saturday morning working with them!



MK's

The Mk's have had the amazing opportunity to continue learning. They've been taking special electives like writing, flight, anatomy, government, pioneer class, logic, STEM and more! While they are enjoying the special attention, I know they are all ready to see all their friends and teachers again!

Thank you West Missionary!

As some of you are aware, a first grade teaching opportunity became available. After prayer and consideration, I feel like I am to use the gifts that the Lord has blessed me with for the kids of the community at South Adams. Therefore, I will be stepping down as the Outreach Director at West to go back to teaching.



My time serving West Missionary as the Outreach Director for the past three years was truly a blessed experience. I have strengthened and developed so many relationships with the church staff and family. We have shared so many laughs, tears, and prayers - which have brought us close together. Even though my dedication and service may be shifting to the school, it will remain in Jesus. May we remember that no matter where we are, we can all be a light for the Lord and share His love and Word with those around us.

I want to express my thanks and gratitude to each of you. I have treasured all of the encouraging words, cards, and prayers. Your helpfulness and involvement with various events were much appreciated! I couldn't have organized them without you!

Even though I am stepping down as the Outreach Director, I am thankful to call West Missionary church my home.

Sincerely Kristi Cressman



get to know

The Lengerichs

Scott and Becca Lengerich will be married for ten years this November. Congratulations to the both of you! Scott is a machinist and works at First Gear in Fort Wayne. Becca is a stay at home wife and mother of three children: Hailee (8), Simon (7), and Noah (6). She loves crocheting and cooking!

Hailee is a girl who has a heart for Jesus. She loves to explore her creativity and has a passion for art. Simon always wears a smile on his face as the light of Jesus shines through him as well. He loves building with legos and loves to bring things to life through drawing! Noah, their youngest, is diagnosed with Fragile X Syndrome. His soul is filled with love and delights in interacting with others by giving hugs! He enjoys playing with cars, trucks, and movies.

Together as a family, the Lengerichs, enjoy camping and spending time at parks. They also venture out to the zoo, enjoy the fresh air of bike rides, and love watching movies. They love their church family and are very excited to return!

May we remember their favorite family verse, Roman's 12:2, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Family Matters: Dad's Are Important

excerpt by: Focus on the Family



Fathers have the awesome responsibility of laying a spiritual foundation in the home. But what does that mean, exactly? How can you be the dad your family needs?

As a young boy, my life was virtually devoid of positive male influences, spiritual or otherwise.

As a result, much of what I've learned about healthy fatherhood came later in life, through the influence of mentors and, most importantly, the study of Scripture. Fathers can learn so much about what to do (and what not to do!) by looking to the Bible and learning from the example of our Heavenly Father.

With that in mind, here are six ways you can set the spiritual tone and be the dad your family needs:

- The family needs Dad to be present
- A young girl's sense of self is closely tied to her relationship with her father. The family needs Dad to validate his daughters and be involved in their lives.
- Dad, if you want your son to grow up to be responsible and engaged, to respect women, and to demonstrate the Christ-like qualities of a servant-leader, it's up to you to set the standard!
- The family needs Dad to balance discipline and grace. Some dads want to be Mr. Fun-and-Games when they're at home, leaving it up to Mom to be the enforcer, the bad cop. This is a mistake. Your family needs to see Dad apply the rules at home consistently.
- One of the best ways a man can create a strong spiritual foundation in the home is to love his wife! Your kids will be more likely to grow up to have healthy opposite-sex relationships outside the home if you will model it for them while they're still a captive audience.
- The family doesn't need Dad to be perfect. They need to see and know Dad is dedicated and committed.

Sundays

Sunday School: 9:00am

Morning Service: 10:00 am

Nursery and Children's Services Available (am)

Unity 66 Youth Group: 6:30pm

Evening Service: 7:00 pm

Wednesdays

AWANA: 6:30pm

Unity 66 Fellowship: 6:30pm

Bible Study: 7:00pm

Nursery Available

FLASHBACK PHOTOS



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