

UNSHAKABLE

"THIS MEANS THAT ALL OF CREATION WILL BE SHAKEN AND REMOVED, SO THAT ONLY UNSHAKABLE THINGS REMAIN. SINCE WE ARE RECEIVING A KINGDOM THAT IS UNSHAKABLE, LET US BE THANKFUL AND PLEASE GOD BY WORSHIPING HIM WITH HOLY FEAR AND AWE. FOR OUR GOD IS A DEVOURING FIRE. HEBREWS 12:27-29

THE THEME THE LORD GAVE ME AS A COACH THIS SUMMER WAS FROM HEBREWS 12:27-29 "UNSHAKABLE" ALL THINGS IN THE WORLD WILL BE SHAKEN BUT GOD'S KINGDOM IS UNSHAKABLE.

MINISTRY AS A FAMILY

IT WAS AN AWESOME SUMMER TO DO MINISTRY AS A FAMILY. KATIE CONNECTED WITH PLAYERS FAMILIES AS THEY VISITED AND ALSO MANY OF THE HOST FAMILIES. KATIE ALSO GOT TO TAKE BATTING PRACTICE THE LAST HOME GAME AND SHOW OFF HER SKILLS! EVE'S OUTGOING PERSONALITY CONNECTED WITH MANY PEOPLE. SHE HAS BOLDNESS! EVE PRAYED FOR OUR 25 GUYS ON THE FIRST DAY. SHE STOOD ON A TABLE AND PRAYED FOR THEIR DINNER. SHE IS A LITTLE MISSIONARY. AT HOME GAMES, SHE GOT TO BREAK THE TEAM DOWN WITH PRAYER, AND SAY 1-2-3 THEN ALL THE GUYS SAY "RIDGIES"! CAMPBELL ALSO CONNECTED WITH THE GUYS AND FANS AT THE GAMES WITH HIS CUTENESS AND DANCE MOVES. HE IS VERY ACTIVE AND TALKATIVE!

HOST FAMILIES

WE STAYED WITH OUR FRIEND DAVE WELKER FOR A WEEK AND IT WAS SUCH A BLESSING. HE WAS SO GOOD WITH OUR KIDS. HE HAS MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE BEING A DAD AND GRANDPA. WE SPENT THE REST OF THE SUMMER WITH THE NEITZ FAMILY. CHRIS AND CHRISTINA AND THEIR THREE KIDS: GIGI, JEREMIAH, AND ELI. WHAT A BLESSING THEY WERE TO US! WE LIVED LIFE WITH ANOTHER FAMILY DAILY AND THEIR KIDS WERE SO HELPFUL AND GOOD WITH OURS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR NEW FRIENDS!

ADVENTURE

WE HAD LOTS OF ADVENTURE THIS SUMMER WHICH IS ONE OF OUR CORE VALUES IN OUR MARRIAGE! A FEW PLACES WE VISITED: NIAGARA FALLS 3 TIMES FOR EVE, COOPERSTOWN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME, ITHACA, MICHIGAN LAKES AND BEACHES, MINNESOTA, INDY 500, ILLINOIS TO VISIT GRANDPA AND GRANDMA, MANY BEAUTIFUL PLACES AND PARKS, AND WE EVEN HIT UP 4 OF THE 5 GREAT LAKES!



RIDGEMEN

I WAS SO PROUD OF THE GUYS' GROWTH THIS SUMMER AS MEN, BASEBALL PLAYERS, AND AS A TEAM. TYPICALLY ALL OUR AIA MINISTRIES USE TRIPLE H'S FOR CONNECTION AND GROWTH. EVERY GUY GOT TO SHARE THEIR TRIPLE H'S (HERO, HIGHLIGHT AND HARDSHIP). MANY OF OUR GUYS WERE VERY VULNERABLE AND SHARED THINGS THEY HAD NEVER SHARED BEFORE. THEY FOUND A TON OF FREEDOM IN CHRIST!!! ALSO, WE WERE ABLE TO RE-ESTABLISH THE NORM FOR OUR ROCHESTER TEAM AND SHARE AN INTRO, TESTIMONY AND GOSPEL WITH EVERY TEAM WE PLAYED (250 PLAYERS AND COACHES).

I WAS WORRIED THAT MY ARM WOULD GET INJURED EARLY IN THE SUMMER AS WE HAD NO ASSISTANT COACHES TO HELP THE LOAD OF THROWING BATTING PRACTICE (BP) TO 17 POSITION PLAYERS. BUT THE LORD PROVIDED SOME HELPFUL COACHES AND ALUMNI FROM THE PAST AT THE RIGHT TIMES! PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE GUYS AS THEY GO BACK TO THEIR COLLEGES THAT THEY WOULD BRING WHAT THEY LEARNED AND LIVED OUT THIS SUMMER TO THEIR TEAMS AND THEIR CAMPUS.



2022 ROCHESTER RIDGEMEN



SERVING WITH CHALLENGER BASEBALL. WEEK 1



A FEW RANDOM PICTURES (TOP) BRANDON, BRADEN AND JIM OUR 3RD CHAPLAIN

JEFF PAWLICK OUR FIRST BASEMEN & TAYLOR



A SCARY BUT SPECIAL MOMENT AND PROCESS WAS MIKE KELLY'S INJURY



MK SHARING HIS TRIPLE H'S!

ONE OF OUR BEST PLAYERS WAS HIT TWICE IN THE HEAD BEFORE A GAME BY HIGH VELOCITY BASEBALLS. THE SECOND TIME, WITHIN 45 MIN OF THE FIRST, LOOKED LIKE A UFC KNOCKOUT PUNCH TO THE TEMPLE. IT WAS THE SCARIEST MOMENT ON THE BASEBALL FIELD I HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED AS A COACH! IT APPEARED TO ME LIKE THERE WAS A DEMONIC ATTACK ON HIS LIFE THE WAY IT ALL HAPPENED. AFTER THE SECOND HIT, THE TRAINER, (JACKIE) AND I ALONG WITH SOME OTHER PLAYERS WERE TRYING TO GET MIKE TO BREATHE AND SPEAK. OTHERS CALLED 911. THE OTHER TEAM CAME OVER RIGHT AWAY (WE HAD JUST SHARED THE GOSPEL WITH THEM IN THE STANDS IN BETWEEN BATTING PRACTICE) AND THE PEOPLE WHO WEREN'T HELPING I STRONGLY URGED THEM TO PRAY. BOTH TEAMS CAME

TOGETHER AND BEGAN TO PRAY FOR MIKE AND ALL INVOLVED. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL MOMENT IN THE MIDST OF DESPERATION. MIKE WAS ABLE TO COME TO AND MYSELF, A PLAYER FROM OUR TEAM, AND A BOARD MEMBER FOLLOWED MIKE (MK) TO THE HOSPITAL. MEANWHILE ,THE TEAMS WERE GIVEN THE CHOICE IF THEY WANTED TO PLAY AND THEY CHOSE TO PLAY THE GAME . THE OTHER TEAM, THE SYRACUSE SPARTANS, WERE VERY CARING AND HELPFUL THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR HEAD COACH PAUL! A LOT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT, AND I WAS AFRAID FOR A LOT OF THINGS REGARDING MK'S HEALTH. HE ENDED UP BEING IN THE HOSPITAL FOR 4 DAYS AND WAS RELEASED AND ABLE TO SAY GOODBYE FOR THE SUMMER TO OUR GUYS AS HE HAD A LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY. LAST I KNEW HE WAS CLEARED FOR EVERYTHING EXCEPT PLAYING BASEBALL. (HE CAN HIT OFF A TEE RIGHT NOW AND PLAY LIGHT CATCH).

I DON'T KNOW ALL THE REASONS WHY BUT THIS INCIDENT REALLY TOOK A TOLL ON ME. I WAS SHAKEN EVEN THOUGH I SERVE AN UNSHAKABLE JESUS! MK SENT THIS TO THE TEAM THE WEEK HE LEFT "THIS WAS MY FAVORITE TIME PLAYING BASEBALL EVER, SUCH A SPECIAL GROUP OF GUYS STARTING WITH T-GROVE WHO SET THE STANDARD FROM DAY 1 THAT THIS WOULD BE A SUMMER WITH A SAFE SPACE TO LEARN AND SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER. YOU GUYS BROUGHT THE BEST OUT OF ME SO I AM VERY THANKFUL FOR ALL OF YOU FOR BEING SO REAL. EVERY ONE OF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN STORY IN FRONT OF YOU I AM VERY HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN THERE FOR A SMALL PART OF IT AND I'M SO EXCITED TO SEE WHERE GOD TAKES US ALL FROM HERE. IF ANY OF YOU EVER WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE GAME, LIFE, SCRIPTURE I AM ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR YOU GUYS! I WILL GIVE UPDATES ON WHEN I'M ABLE TO SWING, THROW, AND RUN FAST. GOD HAS FULL CONTROL OF LEADING ME TO A NEW SCHOOL AND MY RECOVERY BACK SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY."

MIKE WAS ABLE TO FIND A NEW COLLEGE TO GO TO IN THE FALL AND IS USING OUR BASEBALL DISCIPLESHIP NOTEBOOK DAILY TO GET IN GOD'S WORD. I AM THANKFUL FOR MK AND PROUD OF HIM!



MK TELLING HIS TEAM FROM THE HOSPITAL HE IS GOING TO BE OK!

MOLD REMEDIATION IN YOUR AURORA HOME

AT THE END OF MAY WE WERE SAD TO HAVE TO THROW AWAY ABOUT \$10,000 WORTH OF FURNITURE DUE TO MOLD TOXINS. WE COMPLETELY EMPTIED OUR HOUSE AND FILLED OUR GARAGE WITH OUR BELONGINGS. WE HAD HOPED OUR HOUSE WOULD BE READY FOR US WHEN WE CAME HOME IN AUGUST. WELL, MANY ARE THE PLANS IN THE HARGROVE'S HEART BUT THE LORD'S WAY PREVAILS (PROVERBS 19:21) LOL . WE HAVE BEEN SHAKEN IN THIS PROCESS! OUR REMEDIATION STARTED JULY 11TH AND OUR REMEDIATION COMPANY HAS CONTINUED TO FIND MORE AND MORE MOLD. WE ARE THANKFUL THAT WE FOUND IT AND IT HAS PROBABLY BEEN THE CAUSE TO A LOT OF KATIE'S HEALTH PROBLEMS (EVEN MAYBE KATIE'S TOUGH PREGNANCY WITH CAMPBELL). IT HAS ALSO BEEN DEVASTATING TO FIND OUT THE DEPTH OF MOLD IN OUR WHOLE HOUSE. DRYWALL, INSULATION, ATTIC, FLOORING, ETC. SO MORE COST AND MORE TIME. HOPEFULLY, WITH A NEWER SAFER HOUSE, KATIE WILL CONTINUE TO HEAL AND FEEL BETTER. WE THANK JESUS FOR ANSWERS AND CRY OUT FOR CONTINUED HELP AND TRUST IN GOD DURING THIS PROCESS. WE WANT TO BE SENT OUT WHEREVER JESUS NEEDS US TO GO. THE REMEDIATION IS STILL HAPPENING. REMODEL HOPEFULLY WILL START SOON AND WILL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS. WE HOPE AS WE ARE IN LIMBO TAKING A MONTH TO GET BACK HOME (GOING ON SMALL VACATIONS, VISITING FRIENDS AND FAMILY ON OUR WAY BACK TO AURORA, COLORADO) THAT WE CAN BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS. WE REJOICE FOR THE MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY ALONG THE WAY THAT WE GET TO BE WITH. (THANKS HAUSE'S, RILEY'S, NORTHEMSCOLD'S AND CAMPBELL'S) OUR PRAYER IS THAT GOD SENDS US TO THEM AND THEM TO US AT JUST THE PERFECT TIME.

THE PHYSICAL IMPACT OF MOLD ON KATIE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

KATIE'S SYMPTOMS HAVE INCLUDED : FOGGY BRAIN, ACHING JOINTS, FATIGUE, IRRITABILITY, NAUSEOUSNESS. SHE HAS HAD 5-6 SESSIONS WITH A NATUROPATH DOCTOR AND BEEN ON A DETOX SINCE APRIL. SHE WILL CONTINUE TO DETOX FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. EACH DAY IS A PROCESS AND WE ARE PRAYING FOR MORE ANSWERS AND BETTER HEALTH! THERE ARE SOME DAYS WHEN SHE FEELS GREAT AND I AM SO ENCOURAGED BY THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY SHE HAS AND THE BEAUTY OF HER CHARACTER THAT RADIATES WHEN SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HER BODY HURTING. PLEASE PRAY THAT THESE FIRST FRUITS WILL BECOME HER (OUR) NEW REALITY.

LAMENT ABOUT CRU AND ONENESS UPDATE

OUR LAMENT WITH CRU HAS GONE WELL AND CONTINUES. ESSENTIALLY I FELT LIKE MY ROLE ON THE LENSES TEAM WAS PART OF A DYNASTY OF SOME OF THE BEST WORK IN THE WESTERN WORLD WHEN IT COMES TO TEACHING AND LIVING OUT WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT: RACE, CULTURE, ETHNICITY, POWER, JUSTICE AND PRIVILEGE. MY HEART IS IN A GOOD PLACE TOWARD THOSE WHO EITHER DIRECTLY HURT OUR MINISTRY OR THOSE WHOM I PERCEIVED HURT THE MINISTRY. I INTERVIEWED FOR THE ONENESS AND DIVERSITY ROLE FOR ATHLETES IN ACTION THIS SUMMER. THIS HELPED ME TO PROPERLY SHARE MY CONCERNS FOR HOW SOME OF OUR LENSES FAMILY WAS TREATED (INCLUDING MYSELF). I DID NOT GET THE ROLE BUT I WAS GLAD TO BE A PART OF THE PROCESS. I AM ALSO IN CONVERSATIONS WITH AIA ABOUT ANOTHER ROLE HELPING SERVE OUR CLOSED COUNTRIES. THIS MAY INVOLVE SOME WORK WITH CUBA (WHICH IS EXCITING WITH THE BASEBALL OVERLAP).

MINISTRY PLANS FOR METRO STATE UNIVERSITY — DENVER

MSU PLANS CONTINUE TO BE FOR US TO SERVE WEEKLY WITH VOLLEYBALL, SOFTBALL, BASEBALL AND TENNIS. WE ARE EXCITED TO CONTINUE TO BE A PART OF REACHING EVERY ATHLETE AT MSU CAMPUS THROUGH THE PLATFORM OF SPORTS SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS SOMEONE WHO FOLLOWS JESUS.

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