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J & K ADVENTURES

Buckle up! We have a lot to tell you. If you don't have time, read our TL;DR Corner (upper right, pg.1)

What's passed...

Despite Josh becoming ill and unable to attend the Presbytery of the West (PoW) meeting, we were able to share with them and some from the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest (PoPS) in May. Of all of the presbyteries, we chose to focus on reaching out to PoW because our church is in that presbytery and to PoPS because of our history and relationships in that region.

June 20-25th, Josh led the senior high mission trip for our Longview EPC senior high and got down in the mud to dig ditches and serve the community in San Augustine, Texas. It was a hot, challenging trip. Simultaneously, Katya was commissioned on behalf of the both of us at the EPC's 41st General Assembly and got to meet our incoming WO Director, his wife and many more WO workers in person for the first time. It was a joyous and emotional occasion! God blessed Katya with the hospitality of a wonderful lady from Second Presbyterian in Memphis, thoughtfully arranged by the missions staff and the WO office.

We are thankful to the many people who helped to arrange these meetings and advocated for us and for our new prayer and financial partners from the last couple of months. Be welcome here and know that you have given us reason for rejoicing and thanking God!

TL;DR Corner:

We've had a lot of trips lately. We have a lot more coming. We need ~\$12,000 in launch funds so Josh & Katya can go full-time support raise another ~\$4,000/month more in committed support. New launch target is early 2022. Please pray for us. Giving details on the last page. Reminder: God is good and He loves you very much.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT UPDATE

One-Time Funds:

75% (\$22659/\$30016)

Woot woot! Celebrate with us!

Committed Funds:

42%* (\$2869/\$6858)

Praise God and ask for more with us!

New Launch Fund:

0% (\$12000)**

Praise God! What an opportunity to see Him provide!

*On the previous newsletter, we miscalculated our support at over 43% due to Katya adding our WO contributions twice. Sorry!

**While we've asked for Launch funds before, this one is a little different. Details on the last page!

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What's ahead...

Since late June, we've been painting our new rental home and preparing to move, on top of our paid jobs, planning seven trips, and support raising. It's been a bit hectic. Josh just got back from leading our church's second youth mission trip. Lord willing, soon Katya will be helping with leading a team of EPC college students to engage in Muslim outreach in California. She departs July 23 and returns August 6th.

We're looking forward to Katya's parents coming to visit and then trips to Kansas City and Cleveland in August. Plans are maturing for partnership building trips to California in September and BC in October. **Please reach out if you'd like us to come visit you and/or your church while we're in these regions!**

While we're a bit disappointed to not be far enough in our support to attend our last mandatory training in July, we trust God's timing of all that and are trying to be faithful with where he has us for now. The new target we're aiming for is to be fully support raised, get visas, and be ready to depart for Spain in early 2022.

To help us reach that goal, **we have made a full-time partnership development launch fund.** This means that we've made a budget for our expected expenses for September-January so that Josh and I can stop working and fully focus on traveling and support raising. We're seeking about \$12,000 for this fund. **Please reach out if you or your church want to help launch us! Note: these tax-deductible gifts must be sent to our church and not to Avant or WO.** The last page has giving details.

We send love and prayers for our brothers and sisters in Jesus, our Messiah and Lord.

All glory be to Messiah,

Josh and Katya

Please pray with us for:

- God's power, love, and will to be manifested in our present relationships & service
- Growth in our launch fund and number of committed financial partners
- Good health, wisdom, divine appointments, and knowing God better

Below: Josh with the Longview EPC youth team he led in San Augustine, TX. The second youth mission trip also involved a lot of service projects. Josh is filling in for our Youth Director (on sabbatical) until late August.



Left: Katya with Shawn & Lisa of WO at General Assembly. Shawn was instrumental in us partnering w/ WO.

Below: Katya with our WO Coaches--Randy, Saul, Jesse, Mindy & Dave. These awesome people continue to pray for, prepare, and love us well.



Giving to our LAUNCH FUND

Our home church (Longview EPC) is graciously gathering these gifts and will handle the tax receipts.

Our target amount is \$12,175 (\$2,435/month).

To reach us, these donations must be made out to our church's fund entitled "**Support for New Missionaries**".

If you **give online at [this link](#)**, it will be one of the drop-down options. Checks must likewise be made out to this fund and mailed to:

**Longview EPC
3800 Judson Road,
Longview, TX 75605**

Questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out to Katya or to the church (903-234-0032; info@epclongview.org).

Giving as a COMMITTED FINANCIAL PARTNER

You can set up recurring payments via EFT, credit, debit or check to either Avant Ministries or World Outreach.

Giving information for both are below.

Avant U.S. Office: 10000 N. Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64155
800.468.1892

Avant Canadian Office: 2121 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg, MB R2G 1P8
866.812.8268

Avant Website & Online Donation: www.Avantministries.org

Make checks payable to Avant Ministries and enclose a note:
"for Josh & Katya Newsham, Account # 12274."

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World Outreach Headquarters: 5850 T. G. Lee Blvd., Suite 510,
Orlando, FL 32822
407.930.4313

World Outreach Online Donation: <https://www.epcwo.org/joka/>

Make checks payable to EPC World Outreach and enclose a note:
"for N, Josh & Katya (617)".

