



Happy Fall from the Longs

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Growing Pains or Gains?

Now that our family has returned to our Indiana "home," we have spent the last few months getting reacquainted with a place that is familiar in many ways and yet very different. We last lived in the Indianapolis area when Noemi was born in 2012, and for a few short months during covid in 2020. Needless to say, things have not stayed the same since then! New housing additions, shopping centers, and restaurants have filled the landscape where open fields once stood. We know the roads we travel, but the scenery is very new.

Change and growth are generally good things. Sometimes they seem slow and gradual. Other times it happens overnight. Over the kids' fall break from school, we went away for a long weekend and when we returned, the leaves on all the trees had burst into amber hues. That was a sudden but pleasant change.

In a way, each member of our family has undergone a similar transformation these last few years. We are still the Long family, but we are also very much changed. Of course, the kids are all older and taller... and turning more and more into adults right in front of our eyes. Carter will turn 20 this week and Grant will be 16 in just two weeks. They aren't boys anymore, but rather young men. Noemi has grown as well, exploring new interests and developing new friendships. She is still our spunky, fun-loving girl, but she has gained a certain wisdom beyond her teenage years. Jonathan is definitely stretching and growing into new areas of his gifting and life-experience as he settles into his new career. And well...as much as I don't like the idea of change, I, too, am learning and growing in new areas of my role with OMS in finance.

New or unexpected challenges sometimes force us to grow or change, especially in the world of missions. Ministry is often impacted by political and economical factors which create an ever-changing financial landscape. Within Global Ministries at OMS, we are frequently needing to find new routes to send funds around the world. The pathways we use today to send money to some of our partners may not be open in the future, and so

like it or not, we must adapt.

If in this season you find yourself surrounded by a new and unfamiliar landscape, may I encourage you to look around and see where God may be challenging you to grow for the better? What new path might he be bringing into view? You may find you have gained a new and unexpected perspective on what God is up to. Rest assured, the scenery may change, but God never does.

A few ministry and family updates...



October is start of the budgeting season in OMS for both our missionaries and our ministry partners that receive funding. Pray for the many plans, projections, and details that must be collected, communicated, organized, and submitted to the OMS Board in the coming months.

On the 23rd of October, Carter celebrated his 20th birthday! He continues working at OMS headquarters, where he is developing a new web based financial reporting tool, among other critical projects. He also just completed his first semester of study for a bachelor's degree in software development.



Corinne and Grant are both celebrating birthdays in early November. Grant will be turning sixteen on November 11th. He is enjoying his junior year of high school with new club activities in his schedule. He will be voice acting in an upcoming animated short film. Corinne also will blow out the candles on another year November 8th.

Please continue praying with us...

Thank you for your prayers for our adjustment to new work and schools! The kids are settling in very well. Jonathan is enjoying his new work as well.

Please pray for the budget season and Corinne's many responsibilities with global finance.
Pray also for continued financial provision for her support account.

We truly appreciate your prayers and support!

Blessings and thanksgiving,
Corinne, Jonathan and the Kids

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