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Family Update

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As I am sure you are all aware, our son Emmett (4yrs old on Sept. 6) was diagnosed with B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on June 1st. What had been 6+ months of wondering what the issue was with his body, (although it was news no parent wants to hear), we finally had some answers as to why he had been so sick the past year. We were admitted to the hospital for two weeks in June as he received chemotherapy treatments, and the following two weeks, we were at the Ronald McDonald House Charity located right across the street from the IWK Children's Hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia. June was a very difficult month for us. Emmett did relatively well with the treatments and medications, but the effects on his body took a toll on him. July was a much-needed change for us all, as the medications that were the hardest on him were stopped as he entered a new phase of treatment. We were able to go back to our home in Bible Hill, NS in July where we continued multiple medications each day, blood work once a week, chemo once a week, and an LP (lumbar puncture) once a week. It was a great blessing to have several people help with the care of our children in June and July while we were in the hospital, as well as many who brought us food, cards, letters, and gifts for the boys to enjoy. We want to say thank you to the many individuals and churches who sacrificially helped and blessed us in these ways. Since we have been back home, Emmett has done very well. He still goes in each week for blood collection and chemo, but that has reduced to once a week. On August 12th, Emmett will be admitted into the hospital for 4-5 days as he begins a new medication for the next 30 days. This new medication called Blinatumomab ("Blin") is a continuous IV infusion in the form of a backpack that he will wear 24/7 for those 30 days. He will be monitored in the hospital for the first few days to make sure he responds well to it as there are risks for fever and infection with this medication. The doctors are pleased with how he is doing thus far, and we praise the Lord for the good care he is receiving. Thank you all so much for praying for him and our family during this time. We have much to be thankful for!

Emerson (6yrs old on Nov. 1st) and Easton (1yr old on Oct. 1st) are having a great summer despite the changes and adjustments affecting us all the past few months. They have enjoyed swimming pools, parks, playgrounds, and building LEGO's this summer! Emerson has enjoyed attending VBS at two churches this summer, and the best part was he trusted Jesus as His Savior in July! Easton has enjoyed crawling everywhere and learning to pull up and stand on his own! Emmett has also not stopped running and playing with his brothers despite some limitations. The events of the past few months have no doubt been hard on us all, but we have had fun nonetheless!

Ministry Update

On June 1st we had to temporarily step away from our ministries, filling the pulpit at New Testament Baptist Church at The Hawk, as well as Forest Glen Bible Camp. We greatly missed being at the church and the camp this summer. We praise the Lord for the many people who jumped in and filled our roles and responsibilities the past few months! While the past two months have been focused on caring for our son Emmett, we are just now able to look at getting back into the ministry here. August 3rd was my first Sunday back preaching at the church since June 1st, and it was a blessing to be back serving there! Please pray for us as we step back into these ministries that we love. Pray for the church's continued need of a full time pastor. Also please pray for Bro. Jeff Reason and I as we grow and work together for God's glory here.

On August 14th and 15th I will be speaking at the Youth Conference at Bethany Baptist Church in Little Lepreau, New Brunswick pastored by my brother-in-law Greg Little. Please pray for the teens that will be attending from various churches, and for the Word of God to work in their hearts. Also please pray for Emerson and I as we fly down to the states for two weeks in September for two meetings at potential new supporting churches.

Lastly, we want to once again say thank you to everyone who has prayed for us, sent money to us, cards, emails, and words of encouragement. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is very much noticed and appreciated. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness to Him and your kindness shown to our family the past few months!

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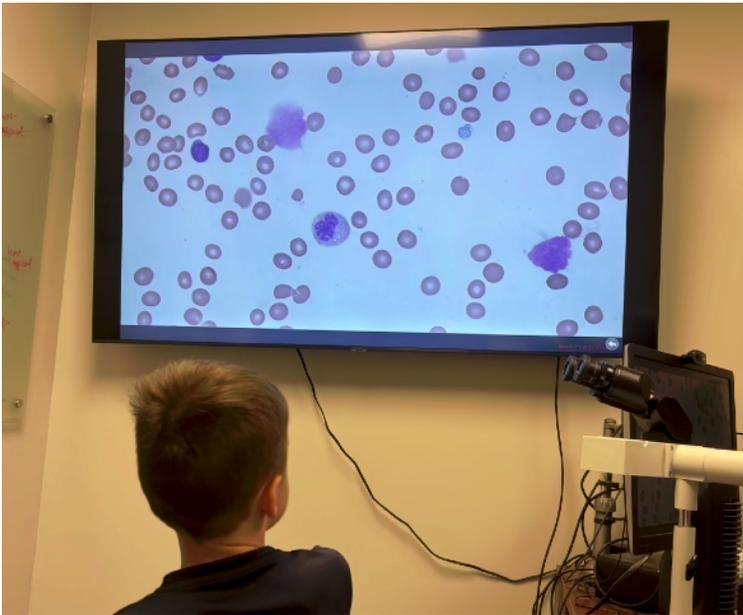
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Chemo days at the IWK Children's Hospital



Emmett and Emerson picking blueberries!



Emerson visiting the lab at the hospital where his brother Emmett's leukemia cells are analyzed



Daniel's mom and dad up visiting from Georgia