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FRIENDS IN MINISTRY

In a newsletter from the summer of 2015, we mentioned that a father showed up to one of our AWANA Game Nights to pick up 2 of his children. He was a Christian and father to 7 kids. By the end of that summer, Chris, Lucy, and their family had joined our church. A few months later, I had the privilege of baptizing their two oldest children, Ethan and Evie. Throughout 2016, our families slowly became good friends. One night, we had them over for dinner. As we told them our story and why God had brought us to Wales, Chris told us that God had given him a desire to be a part of a church plant. Our collective prayer was that God would keep our families together so we could partner together in ministry someday!

Earlier this year, our American missionary pastor celebrated 12 years in Wales and at our church! But with his upcoming furlough plans, Kevin decided to ask Chris to consider taking his place as pastor. A lot of prayer and discussions went into this decision for Chris, who would continue working full-time as a sergeant in the police force. Chris accepted the opportunity and after a lot of prayer, the church voted and the result was almost unanimous! In August, we celebrated the ordination of Chris and said goodbye to the Davis's for awhile.

Making disciples is about a lifetime of building relationships with people on a daily basis. With this family alone, their three youngest kids became our kids best friends and Chris and Lucy encourage, inspire, and challenge us in our marriage, our family, and our ministry (And they say we do the same for them!) God brought us to Wales, has allowed us to put in three years, he's given us friends (besides this family) and a community, but we are just getting started! Our ministry role will not be changing with a new pastor. In fact, having a pastor who has a full-time job *outside* of the church, as well as 7 young children at home, will allow us to be even more useful to the church and our community. We are convinced we are right where God wants us! And the icing on the cake is that we are living out a prayer we prayed less than 2 years ago—we are partnering in ministry with these friends!



Please keep our church in prayer as this next year will be a transitional year for us all. And please pray for Chris and Lucy—that God would bless their marriage and family, that he would give them strength to handle what comes their way, wisdom as they maneuver through various changes, and peace to constantly know they are in God's will.



A TALE OF TWO CAMPS

In August, I (Brian) attended two weeks of youth camp. They were very different from each other, but were very great experiences! At the beginning of the month, we brought 32 teens to Fuse Camp! In addition, Brooklyn and Boston joined us! A lot of the camp staff are from our church so it's always fun to watch them being used in this way. Many of our teens are Christians but they were challenged in their daily focus—to look at a mirror instead of a magnifying glass! Rebekah and I had some really good one-on-one chats with our teens. At least five of our teens gave their life to Jesus this week!

Then I left to go to another camp with Ethan and Evie. Unlike Fuse Camp, this week was real tent camping on the west coast of Wales, it was 8 days long, and I went without my family. It was a much different experience, but it was an amazing week! One of the noticeable differences was each evening after dinner, instead of going to a typical camp service, we met with our tent mates and studied 2 Timothy. The guys in my tent were 16 & 17-year olds and a lot of good conversations came out during this time. In addition, I personally overcame some interesting challenges and I built a lot of good relationships over the week.

Many decisions were made at both camps, but the real test is when the teenagers are back home with their family or with their friends at school. Please pray that they would continue growing and would be a light in their homes and schools!

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