

At our church, Dirke recently preached on *Philippians 4:6 – Don't be anxious about anything, pray about everything*. The apostle Paul says talk to God and quit trying to figure it out in your own wisdom. Whatever is a concern to you is a concern to God. *Psalms 138:8 – The Lord will accomplish what concerns you*. There is nothing too small or too large for God. Since God knows everything, why should I pray and tell Him something He already knows? **First, let me share two reasons we DON'T talk to God:**

- **We don't pray to impress God.**

There is nothing we can say or how we say it that will impress God. In fact, Jesus says we are to pray to God like a child. Jesus is the first one to pray "Abba Father." Abba is Aramaic for the term a little child uses to speak to their daddy.

- **We don't pray to inform God.** You can't tell God anything He doesn't already know.

If we don't pray to impress or inform God, why then do we pray?

We pray to invite God into our lives. When we pray we experience:

- **Strengthening of our Relationship** – We become workers together with what God is doing around us and with those things that concern us. ***He could do it without us, but we could never do it without Him.*** What a glory that God allows us the privilege of doing it *with* Him!
- **Spiritual Growth** – Have you ever prayed and then began asking yourself, why do I want this? Is this a selfish request? What might God want? We develop discipline & staying power and grow our faith when we pray.
- **Dependency on God** – God doesn't want you to live life independent of Him. He wants you to experience His continual provision. Your continual prayer instills a habit of dependency on God rather than yourself.



Our granddaughter Moriah age 2 praying with her daddy.

Speaking of Prayer; Pray for our next few months as we embark on a very intense ministry and personal schedule.

PRAYER REQUESTS

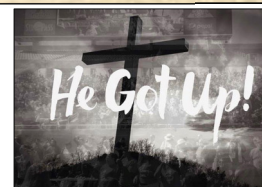
- April 27th Dirke helps lead online video training for our Team Development facilitators around the world. Pray all goes well.
- Lorna will be with our daughter Briana celebrating her b-day in NYC.
- Wisdom for Dirke & the Nat'l Theological Development (TD) team as they address current ministry challenges biblically for our U.S. staff.
- Pray Dirke effectively equips our Team Development leaders from around the world when they meet in person in Johannesburg, SA.
- Pray for Dirke's preparation for 200+ new missionaries that he will be teaching at our Institute of Biblical Studies in CO. He also oversees the 20 coaches who assist him.
- Pray that we will see many of you when we visit MN, WI, CA and TX
- Pray we will enjoy and be ministered to at our Nat'l Staff Conference.
- Pray Dirke prepares and ministers well to our Church Strategies staff who work with and resource churches across Australia.
- Pray God increases our spiritual fruit and energizes us by His Spirit!

Moriah & Haven, at right, are in their Easter clothes. We sure miss being with our grand girls in Minneapolis and our grandson in DC. Thank God for the internet so we can still talk with them and see them regularly. We hope you had a great Easter and we are so appreciative of your gracious giving and faithful prayers.



TRAVEL SCHEDULE

- May 7-10 Lorna in **New York City** w/Briana.
- May 16-18 Dirke in **Chicago** Nat'l TD mtgs.
- May 29-June 5 Dirke in **South Africa**
- June 10-28 Dirke in **Colorado** teaching IBS.
- July 1-2 Dirke preaches in **Orlando, FL**
- July 3-13 Dirke & Lorna in **MN and WI**
- July 14-15 Dirke in **southern CA.**
- July 16-22 Dirke & Lorna in **Colorado** @ Cru's national staff conference.
- July 23-28 Dirke & Lorna in **TX.**
- July 30 – Aug. 10 Dirke & Lorna in **Australia.**
- Aug 16-21 Dirke in **MN**



Lorna participated in the 2nd annual "He Got Up" central FL outreach to the homeless on Palm Sunday. She helped at the shower station provided for the thousands who attended. There were barbers, clothing, food, legal help, medical help and job interviews offered. To know the impact of this outreach, click on: www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxchdc79T6U Lorna is part of the Orange County Homeless Commission since some of the H.S. athletes she is working with are homeless.

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