

The Precious Sign of a Heartbeat



This last spring was a bit of change of pace for our family. I (Michael) am usually the one who has long ministry trips and Cayla is usually at home homeschooling and taking care of our children. Beginning in March, Cayla started an intensive two week ultrasound training program geared towards pregnancy medical centers. A company based in Nevada, traveled all the way up to Alaska to perform this training. Cayla along with three other ABC volunteers, underwent the sonography training. During those two weeks of training, there were many pregnant women from the community who volunteered to come into ABC Life Choices so that the ladies could get in the needed ultrasound training. As a nurse, Cayla has always had an interest in being able to do pregnancy ultrasounds. She is very grateful for the opportunity to learn these new skills. By performing these ultrasounds on expectant mothers, she hopes to be able to use this as an avenue to not only help with physical needs, but also help meet spiritual needs by sharing the love and hope we can have through Jesus Christ.

With the training completed, we are now on a more regular schedule. Cayla and I have been splitting

the work week in half. Cayla has ultrasounds scheduled on the days she is in the center. On the days that I am at the center, I have been working on expanding the Men's Ministry Program. Recently another ABC volunteer and myself started a small men's group that will be going through "Stepping Up, A Call to Courageous Manhood" by Dennis Rainey. This group is meeting on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. It is our prayer that through this small group we will be able to speak into the lives of the men attending. Many of the men that we have come through our doors live their lives in reaction to the circumstances around them. We want to show these men that they can live their lives intentionally and with a plan to lead and provide for their families in a Biblical way.

Please be in prayer for both Cayla and I as we continue to learn our new jobs and responsibilities. Pray that we would have wisdom as we are provided opportunities to share the Gospel with those that we interact with.





Overall the Boettcher family is doing well. The older children continue to grow like weeds with the long Alaska summer sunshine. Our little Noah has continued to struggle with some recurring respiratory issues, but he too is growing and our family loves him like crazy! The kids have enjoyed getting to homeschool with both mom and dad as they get a different teaching perspective from each of us. I (Michael) have really enjoyed getting to spend more time with the children on the days that Cayla is at the center.

Recently Cayla and I went to a local health fair. We both decided to get basic

blood work done just to see how we were doing. Cayla's blood tests came back showing abnormalities with her White Blood Cell count. Cayla was referred to a local Hematologist/Oncologist to look into the matter. After several more blood draws and even a bone marrow biopsy the doctor found that her Large Granular Lymphocyte (LGL) counts are abnormal. The doctor has not been able to figure out what is causing this abnormality. Currently we are continuing to monitor her blood counts through periodic blood draws. Our doctor may be referring us to an "LGL" specialist in the lower 48, so that we can figure out what is going on and if there is something that we can do about it. So far Cayla has not been exhibiting any symptoms other than possibly some fatigue. Please be in prayer that God would heal her of this, or that He would direct us to someone that is able to figure out what is going on with her.

We appreciate your prayers for both Cayla and our little Noah!

Thank You for continuing to be on our Support Team!

We want to thank so many of you for continuing to support us in our transition to ABC Life Choices! It is so very humbling to see our support team continue to surround our family through this transition in our lives. A few of our supporters are still giving through MARC. MARC will continue to forward our support through August. If you are willing to continue supporting our family please switch your donations to ABC Life Choices before the end of August. As always please feel free to call or email if you have any questions or just want to talk to us. We love to hear from you by phone or mail! We Thank You so very much for all of the years of faithful support, both financially and even more importantly in Prayer!

All Because of Christ,

The Boettchers

Michael, Cayla, Alissa, Titus, Eli and Noah

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