

Imagine with God. God's mind is expansive, beyond limit, complete from before the beginning. He need not learn, nor gain experience, nor develop His thinking. He is. His track record is overwhelming, beyond our highest expectations (Isaiah 64:3-5a). We think and work so differently than God (Isaiah 55:8-11). His thoughts are completely superior to ours. His words are always effective. I must think as He does, speak as He does. He can do more than I can imagine (Ephesians 3:20-21). He is not limited by my fear, my vision.

God, help me to imagine with You. Help me to turn from the rut of human wisdom, logic, and expectation. Help me adopt Your thoughts, Your imagination, and Your will. Help me to consider the possibilities that You see. There is none like You. Help me keep a good memory of the way You work. May I bring You glory, holding nothing back, trusting You and seeking You.

Winter '14: school closing, delays, and early dismissals with the snow and cold weather, and the girls and I (Karen) made many memories... playing in the snow, baking, and doing crafts. God directed the day as I took a bus load of 3rd-6th graders to Harrisburg for a field trip. An evening with Piercing Word that involved the audience gave us a look at the lives of Bible characters. A family ski day to Bear Creek thrilled us; thankfully David's ski boot waited to break until we were finished for the day!

Spring '14: David wanted to scout out some field trip ideas so with our bicycles in the rain we rode past the Pentagon and visited Arlington Cemetery. Switching to the subway, we spent some time at the Washington Zoo. A few weeks later on a warm sunny day, cherry blossoms in full bloom and lots of people, we again spent the day



in Washington DC, touring by bicycle the Old Post Office Tower, the White House, the Capitol, and the Lincoln, Jefferson, Vietnam, and WWII Memorials; we praise God for directing our steps! Then Karen did field trips...a visit to Gettysburg, Crayola Crayons, Hershey Chocolate World and Indian Echo Cave. And of course the high school trip to DC was an experience! God helped David maneuver the bus and also find parking in the busy city! Touring the Spy Museum was a favorite for the youth. It is

a great opportunity to be involved at school and help make field trips possible.

Summer '14: a rustic cabin at Black

Moshannon State Park facilitated peaceful memorable respite, a launching pad for hiking, biking, and a 22 mile rafting trip



down the West Branch of the Susquehanna. While with David in State College where he attended Lab Meetings, the girls and I had the pleasure of once again catching up with Treva and her children. Back home, Mariah and Paige had the privilege of attending 3 summer Bible Schools. The girls were challenged to put their trust and confidence in the Lord based on Jeremiah 17:7-9 while attending Kenbrook Bible Camp. Visiting friends in Maryland,

we biked a total of 24 miles, from Rockwood to Meyersdale and back again with Alvin & Lil and family. T u b i n g d o w n



Penn's Creek with the OnFire youth was a new experience for many. Weeks later, God provided a beautiful day for the youth to enjoy our homemade waterslide. Before David attended Lab Convention in Corning NY, we viewed God's awesome power at Niagara Falls, then the girls and I explored the Corning Glass Museum while David had meetings. Hosting David's brother and wife, Ray & Mickey, we enjoyed Hershey Chocolate World and a little rafting trip down the Tully. God allowed us to see a bald eagle flying just over the treetops reminding us to wait on Him and rely on Him for strength. David and a friend had a blast rafting on the Youghiogheny River and tent camping at Ohiopyle.

The morning of the girls first day back to school, we watched 3 butterflies emerge from their cocoons. God is a God of new beginnings. He forgives our sins and gives us a clean slate. Our annual trip to Dutchman's Paradise in Lycoming County was laid back...Frisbee golf and jumping



into the water hole in the creek were highlights.

Fall '14: Mariah and Paige experienced their first Penn State football game with David and me - thanks to free tickets. Field trips: making our own flavor of ice cream was the best part of the Turkey Hill Experience; Philadelphia Zoo was interesting for those studying mammals; David and the high school students were intrigued visiting the Berks Courthouse and Deka battery factory. David and I were grateful to take in a marriage seminar hosted by Greg & Erin Smalley, and weeks later attend a Michael Card Biblical Imagination seminar on the book of Matthew: The Gospel of Identity. We must honestly wrestle with the Bible, seeking to grasp the meaning of the text by way of the imagination to connect heart and mind. Over Thanksgiving vacation, we were inspired at the Creation Museum.

We were blessed tremendously over Christmas vacation. It was a pleasure to visit Robert (David's cousin) & Ella Mae in SC and Christmas carol! A nice surprise was being in the same area as Susan & Sohkon and spending time with them. (Thanks again Ella Mae) Christmas was spent with Ray & Mickey in Florida. Some highlights were jumping waves in the Atlantic, zip-lining, playing Scrabble, and eating Mickey's great subs! God allowed us to spend 5 nights ocean-side in Bahia Honda State Park. He made the



moon to shine and His peace filled me (Karen) and I could sleep without fear in the tent! Snorkeling allowed us to glimpse God's creation underwater. Other God-sightings were meeting a man sharing the Gospel of Christ at the Sunset Festival in Key West, trusting God

even when a credit card was lost, witnessing beautiful sunrises & sunsets, and hearing the surf all night long. We also enjoyed biking and feeding tarpon. Thanks to Rose & Merv for generously hosting us overnight on our return trip north!

Mariah is in 5th grade and entering her 5th year of piano lessons. She really enjoys reading and doing crafts. Mariah was excited to perform on stage in *And Then There Were 12*. Paige is in 2nd grade. She is excited for her 2nd year of piano lessons. Paige was devoted to her role in *And Then There Were 12*. After celebrating her 8th birthday, she was ecstatic to leave her car seat!

I am thankful to be a homemaker. Being a part of Victorious Women ladies Bible study is a blessing. Having Christian friends to talk with, enjoy coffee with, and pray with is a delight! Being a small group leader and driving bus for Released Time is a great way to share the love of Christ.

David will have 20 years at Pure Test Lab in February. They are now state certified to test soft ice cream! Every soft ice cream machine needs to be tested monthly for bacteria. Another technician was added, and they are pursuing trace metal analysis. David still plays racquetball, but is swimming some to cushion his body. At Released Time, he serves as a teacher, bus driver, and "The Man". We continue to fellowship at OnFire on Sunday mornings where David occasionally teaches.

God is beyond all that we can imagine; He cannot be measured. God is beyond time and space. He is without limits in every way. Our prayer for you is that you would know personally this God who can do anything, far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! May His Spirit work deeply and gently within us to bring Him glory! May Christ Jesus be glorified in all generations forever and ever! (Ephesians 3:20-21)

David, Karen, Mariah, and Paige Brubaker

