

Fully Rely On God. Trust: a call to abandonment of self, of pride, of control. God calls us to trust, not to fear. Learning to trust is a journey, not a destination. It is learning to believe God is good again, in this situation, in this moment. So, how do we live in trust? How can we move beyond the familiar to ride the roller coaster of the unknown? We must have a FIRM BELIEF in the ONE WHO IS LEADING: God, our Heavenly Father. We must firmly believe His heart is good toward us or we will draw back when something 'looks' scary for us. Trust in *and* rely confidently on the LORD with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight *or* understanding. Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Winter '15: Two skiing days at Bear Creek really helped the girls gain confidence! Mariah even tackled the black diamonds! School was frequently delayed due to snow. Hosting friends enriched our lives, sharing how God is at work in the world around us.



THANKS to a friend who shared his snowmobile for hours of fun (and chatting with friends while taking turns riding)!

Spring '15: We all went with David to Raleigh NC where he received more FDA dairy lab training; the girls and I (Karen) explored the Museum of Natural Sciences and were thrilled with the hands-on science lab. A pre-field trip scouting day took us to Baltimore: riding bicycle and water taxi, we visited Fort McHenry and the Museum of Industry. A beautiful mild day beckoned David and I to ride motorcycle to his youngest cousin's wedding. An evening with Piercing Word challenged us to actively memorize God's word! This year I did 2 field trips...Crayola Crayons and Lake Tobias. God blessed the high school field trip to Baltimore. A one night backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail told us to stay with day hikes!



Summer '15: Mariah and Paige spent a weekend with Grandpa and Grandma Zook while David and I took a motorcycle trip to

southern VA to attend Brendon & Amber's wedding. Psalm 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses (and some in motorcycles), but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. God took care of mechanical issues with the motorcycle. He left us take the scenic cycling cornering roads of the Blue Ridge Parkway!

June 12 - July 3: a trip "West". Cousin Steve & Vivian Scott in IL hosted us with day lily soup! Eldo & Dorcas Miller in KS shared God-stories, and we prayed for each other. After a quick stop with Frank & Sierra Tarquini in CO, we tent camped for 3 nights in beautiful Dinosaur National Monument, Utah. Arriving late, we had to trust God's protection to keep our tent from blowing over during a thunderstorm.



Fantastic remains of dinosaurs are still visibly embedded in the rocks. A day rafting trip on the Green River through remote

canyons was a West Trip highlight. The way the rock layers laid pointed to Noah's flood. Tenting at Nevada's Great Basin National Park, we toured Lehman Cave and attended a star party, seeing planets and star clusters through a telescope.



Job 25:5 tells us that God is so glorious that even the moon and stars are less than nothing as compared to Him. In Eureka Nevada, it was a joy to visit Judy, the maid of honor at our wedding! Thanks Roy & Judy Covarubbias for many good



memories and for causing this whole big "west trip"! Our family went on to tent 3 nights in Yosemite CA, hiking to Dewey & Glacier Point, watching climbers on El Capitan through telescopes, seeing the Giant Sequoia trees. Headed east, Paige's diligence in digging for





fish fossils in Kemmerer WY was rewarded with some to bring home! We blitzed through Grand Teton National Park and on to Yellowstone. God showed off an Old Faithful eruption about 20 minutes after we got there. Connecting over a weekend with Dale & Lynelle Mellinger, we swam in the Yellowstone River just 2 blocks from their house! God again gave us perfect timing at Mt. Rushmore SD, giving the girls time for the Junior Ranger Program as they had in all the

National Parks on this trip. God directed our plans, as several nights we had rain when we had sleeping arrangements other than a tent! At Wind Cave SD the girls earned their 7th Junior Ranger badge. We breezed by Spirit Lake IA where David's dad had spent many of his childhood years. At Tim & Judith Haines we helped celebrate Tim's 40th birthday, and mourn his aging, broken body! God protected us and kept our car running properly all 7000 miles! Life too is a journey; we look forward to the day we will arrive at our heavenly home and experience perfect peace and rest!

The rest of the summer seemed very short. A cabin weekend with the Zook family was minus my nephew who had a motorcycle accident. By God's grace he is still here with us. Please continue to pray for physical and spiritual healing in his life. We hosted Ray & Mickey- mini golfing and swimming in a waterfall! It was exciting to see a few youth recognize their need of



a Savior while at an extended cabin stay with OnFire Youth Ministry. We continue to pray that they would grow in their walk with God.

Fall '15: Mariah, Paige, and I spent time with my parents while David attended a Pure Life seminar in Gap. A weekend trip to Pittsburg included visiting the National Aviary and Museum of Natural Science (some of the dinosaurs found in Utah were sent to this museum.)



Preparing for winter, Mariah learned to back the lawn



mower and trailer while we were working at cutting, splitting, and stacking wood!

Christmas vacation was a blessing! It was a pleasure to visit Phil & Lisa Hollinger in SC and do some great hiking! We were thankful to arrive in FL after God helped us fix a mechanical problem, building on our Fully Rely On God theme for the year! Ray & Mickey hosted us, with many delicious subs, and games of fishing and Scrabble! The Kennedy Space Center was an educational time for all of us. The daily 85 degree weather made for fun times jumping the waves and playing in the sand! Changing wardrobes, we drove north to Indiana to celebrate the marriage of Anthony & Adrienne Ressler. Exploring Chicago: seeing the city at night from the Willis Tower, eating some famous Chicago pizza, and spending time at Shedd's Aquarium. God gave David His words of truth as he interacted with a gay rights activist. New Year's with Tim & Judith featured games, talking, Indian food, and ice sculptures!

Mariah is 11, in 6th grade, and entering her 6th year of piano lessons. She is exulting to be taller than her mom. She enjoys crafts and art. In the Lebanon County Choral Society Children's Chorus, Mariah and Paige were excited to help sing the Hallelujah Chorus with the adults and an orchestra! Paige is in 3rd grade and entering her 3rd year of piano lessons. She points out the details of life to us. She celebrated her 9th birthday riding the waves on her boogie board at Wabasso Beach! She wears Ortho-K contacts at night. I (Karen) am excited to see what God will do as we work through Breaking Free by Beth Moore at Ladies Bible study! It is a blessing to be a stay-at-home mom and have a flexible schedule to meet with other women for prayer and encouragement! David marked 20 years at Pure-Test, which gained trace metals certification in July. The state requires that David gain more college chemistry, so he is enrolled at Oregon State ECampus. One of his racquetball pals just turned 70. David teaches as needed at On Fire, relates to men over breakfast, and enjoys being a husband and father. We both stepped back from Released Time to free up time to help at school and college classes. We continue helping the senior Brubackers navigate their sunset years.

It is not always easy to trust God. We want to hang on to what is familiar, for the safety of what we know. We don't want to exchange familiar for the unknown. We want control. Trust is a letting go and placing our confidence in the hand of the One who created us.

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