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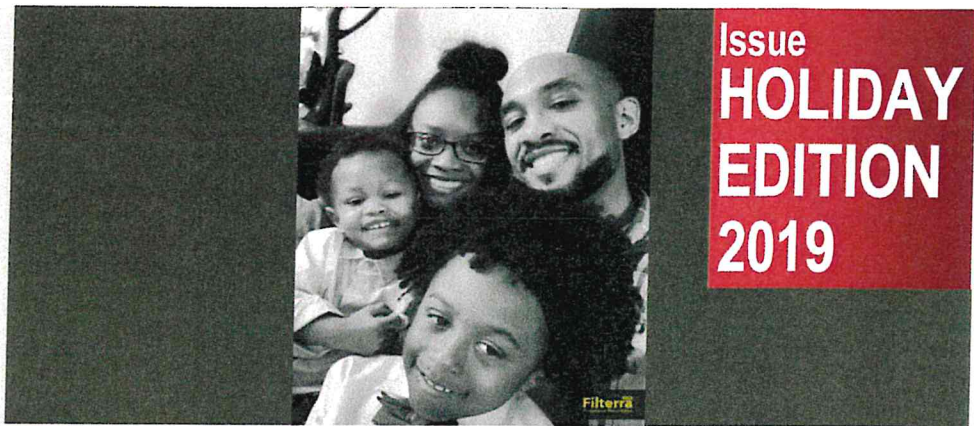
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A Monthly Insight to the Gilkey's Journey in Lubbock, TX

# Moved on **FAITH**

## Friendsgiving in Lubbock

We decided that we would stay in Lubbock for Thanksgiving instead of traveling back to Kansas. We had originally made this decision back in September for we knew that the week of Thanksgiving wouldn't seem like so much of a break with all the traveling and trying to visit and see all of our family and friends back home. Not to mention as the time got closer, we realized that our Thanksgiving break week was really titled, "Research Week" meaning a chance to complete assignments due the very next week! To our surprise, we had some classmates back in September tell us that they were also planning on staying in Lubbock for Thanksgiving. We all decided to do a friendsgiving and we had a blast with plenty of food left over! It was such a neat experience. We were surrounded by our classmates from the Houston area, our classmates from China, one from Puerto Rico, one from Mexico City, and two of our Level 1 deaf classmates, Corey and Sara Stapp. Corey started teaching all the guys American Sign Language. So now our whole family is learning ASL! ☺

## What We've Learned

### Term Two...

This term was a bit more challenging for us than last term. Mostly, due to the timing of our research week and the fact we only had 3 weeks to finish assignments when we returned. C.J. seemed to have handled it really well. However, lesson learned for me! I made a mental note and written note to fully review the schedule in advance so that I can get some projects done ahead of time. We thoroughly enjoyed Christian Home with our instructor Charles Speer. He had the opportunity to travel to our hometown of Wichita, KS to speak at the Church of Christ Area Wide event. He said he thoroughly enjoyed his time there. Christian Home was a much needed class that I wish everyone was able to take. We are so thankful that we had the opportunity to be in this class and learn some valuable lessons that we can apply about having a healthy marriage relationship and creating healthy relationships with our children. We also learned some valuable lessons in budgeting and financing the home. We look forward to being able to help other families by sharing what we learned.

We also took Scheme of Redemption with Matt Glawe. It was a phenomenal course. We learned how God purposed our redemption before he even created time. He always had a plan to redeem us. We were able to survey this story of redemption from the Old Testament and follow it into the New Testament. We had to read a book and write a book report on a book by Ed Wharton entitled, "Redemption Is". We highly recommend this book for anyone wanting a break down on redemption.

I was able to take Essentials in Ministry I which is a course designed for women and wives involved in ministry. This class provided us with basic tools and words of advice and wisdom. We were given resources for conflict resolution and counseling that we will have the opportunity to be certified in. I was also able to give a lesson to our ladies public speaking class.





# C.j. & Alaina's Classes

## For Term 3:

### C.J. is taking-

- \*New Testament Greek
- \*Expository Preaching
- \*Acts of the Apostles
- \*The Life & Teachings of Jesus II

### Alaina is taking-

- \*Public Speaking 3
- \*The New Testament Church
- \*Effective Parenting
- \*Sign Language (ASL)

### Both of us are taking-

- \*Evangelism I

## SIBI Level 1 Class of 2019



### S.I.B.I. Upcoming Events we are Involved in...

#### \*Sunset Vision Workshop- January 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Here is the link if you are interested in attending or viewing the topics and keynote speakers. <http://sibi.cc/workshop>

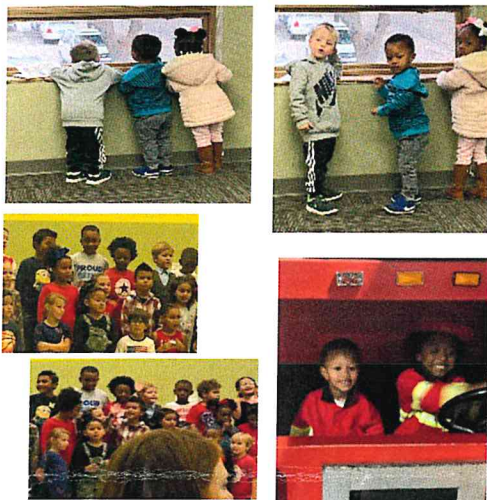


#### \*Campaign Week- March 2020

During this week, students have the option to go to Mexico City, Mexico, New Mexico, or Ohio to participate in a mission trip week. In Mexico City, students will be helping Sunset's local missionaries continue their projects. In New Mexico, students will assist in the process of a church plant. In Ohio, students will help in the northern evangelical efforts of spreading the news of Christ. We are presently praying and deciding on which campaign trip we will be participating in.

## Christmas Surprise!!!

We decided not to travel for Christmas this year, as well. We chose to stay in Lubbock and enjoy each other and our break. This is the first holiday we have been able to celebrate in our own home. Usually, we are traveling around going from one family member or friend's house to the next. So it was nice to be able to experience something different. However, we kept our doors open for any family members or friends that wanted to come visit us during break and to our surprise we had visitors! Alaina's parents and grandparents came and spent a few days and Christmas with us. To their surprise they learned some exciting news upon their arrival. The rest of the family received a special Christmas packet from us for them to open on Christmas. Pictured below is their surprise.



We are adding a girl to the family! What a surprise it was for us as well! It's been a tough secret to keep. Only our community in Lubbock has known, as you can only hide it visibly for so long. Some of our classmates threw us a gender reveal party and it was a blast! We are so thankful for the love they have for our family. With our previous two miscarriages, we just wanted to make it far enough along before sharing with everyone. Baby girl is expected to arrive April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mom and Baby are healthy and going to doctor visits as scheduled. With such a surprise, the many challenges this term, and with the holidays, our monthly newsletter ended up being turned into a Holiday Edition for the months of November, December, and January. We look forward to keeping you posted on the new term and things happening in February 2020! *Happy New Year!!*

## All About the Boys

The boys are still doing well! Jon is pretty much potty-trained and his personality just continues to blossom. We have classmates that have 3 boys and they love having playdates with them. They all say that they are brothers. It is so beautiful seeing the love children have for one another. Christopher has caught up to the Lubbock ISD curriculum! He has definitely been working hard at school and we are so proud of him. He has had several school activities that mom and Jon have been able to attend. They honored the veterans and had a Christmas lunch and party.



# Note of Encouragement...

*This term was a challenge for our family. We learned that we will be responsible for another precious soul (which had its own challenges), both boys had various illnesses, and with Alaina going to the hospital for food poisoning, it made things difficult. However, we pressed on and are doing well. ☺*

*In Scheme of Redemption we were given this purpose statement for the course:*

*“God **PURPOSED** redemption before time began. What He purposed, He **PROMISED**. What He promised, He also **PROPHESIED**. What He prophesied, He **PERFECTED** at the cross. He **PROVED** it with the resurrection. Peter **PREACHED** it at Pentecost, and God expects the church to **PROCLAIM** it.”*

*If you are ever wondering what your purpose is in your Christian walk, it is to proclaim that God has offered us ALL redemption. If you are single, proclaim to those you cross paths with. If you are married, proclaim it in and through your marriage. If you are a parent, proclaim it to your children and grandchildren. If you are an aunt or uncle proclaim it to your nieces and nephews. No matter what your title may be, you were created to take part in God's plan of redemption for humankind giving God all the glory. How special we are to be chosen to take part in God's plan. Whatever your title and wherever you are, Proclaim the Gospel plan of Redemption!*

♡ *The Gilkeys*

*“As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven- things into which angels long to look.”*

*1 Peter 1:10-12*



### Most Importantly:

*Words can't express how much your monetary investment, love, prayers, and support mean to our family. As always, we Thank you!*




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