



PRAYER REQUESTS

THE READ-SMITHS

MISSOULA, MT

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Next steps...

For Liz and the kids that will include getting into the swing of things with the school schedule. I have no doubt Liz will have all of us ship-shape in no time.

Please pray that Liz and I will develop relationships that both nourish us spiritually, but relationships with people who will be apart of the community or supportive of the community we believe God is wanting to build here in Missoula. For myself this includes getting a job and raising support for the community vision and us as a family.

At the end of October the Northern Rockies Mission Territory (area I'm apart of in the Diocese) is organizing a conference here in Missoula. We hope many from the area will join us in a great weekend of teaching, worship and strategizing for the mission territory.

Well, I guess that's about it from our end. We'd love to hear from you and learn what you're up to. Drop us a line. And if you're ever in Missoula, MT you know where to find us...

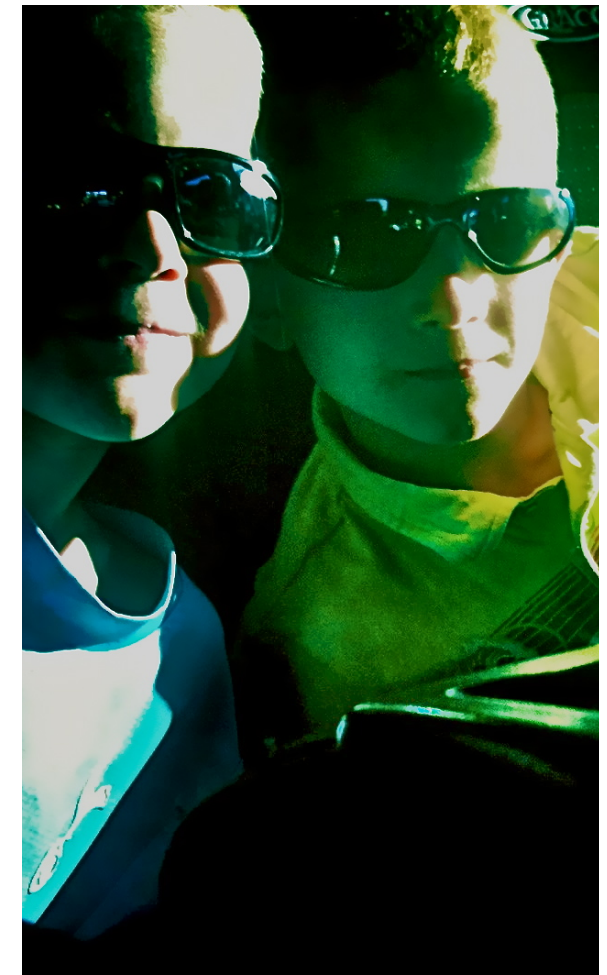
Blessings!

Justin, Liz, John, Nat, Katie and James

- **Continued safety and health for the entire family**
- **The kids will make friends and settle into life here in Missoula**
- **Liz will make friends and develop a support network of people**
- **Justin will find a job and be able to raise financial support for the community and the family**
- **That God would bless Missoula and the community He is wanting to build!**

Let us know how we can pray for you...

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THE READ-SMITHS MOVE TO MISSOULA



Settling in

Well, much has happened since we moved from London. Before I (Justin) arrived Stateside, Liz and the kids stayed with my parents in Boise, ID. Once I finished up in London, I joined Liz and the kids in Idaho.

Only after a couple of days, Liz and I went up to Missoula to look for a place to stay. As it always seems to happen, we started looking in one direction and God opened the doors in a completely different direction. Needless to say, we found a house that is perfect for us. We're close to the University (see photo above) and the kids love the neighborhood. There's so much for us to see and do. We've even had a chance to take the boys downtown to go fly fishing on the Clark Fork River. (Check out Liz's pictures on Facebook)

The boys will be starting school on Aug. 31st. We were able to find a school that has the same teaching philosophy as we were using while in London. So we're really excited to see the outcome. Katie is excited to have Mum and baby brother James all to herself while the boys are at school. Liz and I are excited to see how the boys transition, but I'm sure they'll have a grand time!

We don't do things by halves, so not only have we moved across the Atlantic, we were expecting

our fourth child. James Dominic was born on June 16th, weighing in at 9lbs. 3oz. and 22 1/2" long. I don't know how Liz did it! Both Mum and baby are fine.

I'm currently trying to find a job to provide income for the family while we get the community up and running. It has been difficult to find a job which doesn't just pay but also allows me to be out in the community meeting people. But slow and steady wins the race. (We'd covet you're prayers in this area particularly.)

St. Columba's – Missoula

Well, that's what we're hoping to call the new community here in Missoula. It has been an interesting transition for us so far. Strange not to be apart of a community here and trying to start something from scratch.

That being said, the vision burns even brighter for me than when we were in London. It has been the right decision for us as a family. Getting used to the scene here in Missoula is the main focus right now. Little by little I'm meeting different people. It just takes time.

At the heart of what we're wanting to do is build relationship. That means we need to put in the hard graft of getting to know people where they're at. No short cuts here!

I have been encouraged by the affirmation regarding the vision God's put in our hearts. It

seems that many people resonate with it. Please pray that people will be drawn to the community and the vision to serve God in this unique way. What a blessing it has been so far... If you'd like to support the community or us financially, get in touch using the info on the back of this brochure.

If you haven't had a chance to hear about the vision (i.e. If I haven't talked your ear off about it yet!) do take a look at the link below or I'd be more than happy to send you a hard copy. It is an outline of what we're hoping to do.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/40497044/A-Different-Way-to-Be-Church>

