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# THE VALIANTE FAMILY

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

Last year we travelled the world, and now, over the past month we have travelled across the country! Since the middle of August, we have logged over 8,500 miles through some of the most rugged, and beautiful terrain in the United States. We are thankful for the places we have seen, but are even more grateful for the people we have had the chance to meet and minister to along the way. There have been wonderful opportunities to make an impact for the Gospel!



After leaving our extended family (around Kansas City, MO), we arrived in Rocky Ford, Colorado (Sarah's hometown). We stayed there for just a few days before heading out to Salt Lake City, Utah. It was so good to get to Grace Baptist Church, and reconnect with Pastor Matt Johnson. Matt is almost family in that his sister, Ruth, married my brother, John. It was great to get to see the Johnsons and the vibrant ministry he shepherds. While there, we visited Temple Square—the center of the Mormon Church. It was sad to see the confusion and rejection of clear biblical teachings that the Mormon Church embraces, yet encouraging to know that there are good Gospel preaching churches in the area. On our way out, we stopped by the Lake to check out the scenery... and of course Micah wanted to float in it 😊



The next Sunday, we were at another Grace Baptist Church—this time in Elko, Nevada. This was a great joy to me, because I got to reconnect with one of my best friends from college, Jeremy Ehmann, who pastors this church. It was wonderful to see the ministry God has entrusted to his care, and to get to meet his wife, Melissa, and their children.



From Elko, we began our journey to the coast—the Pacific Coast, where we were able to stay with my sister, Andrea, and her family. We were so grateful for the almost three weeks we got to spend with them as we visited two more churches in Oregon over the course of the next two Sundays. The first church we



visited was Central Baptist in Bend, OR. This was a neat experience because the church in Bend was started by the Mission Board we serve under—Pacific Rim Missions. Because of their history with Pacific Rim, they knew all about the ministry at Haven of Grace. This was a unique experience to present our ministry to folks who have been praying for years before we ever heard of it! Most of all, we are grateful for the immediate friendship of those who have already been such an encouragement to us... even before they knew us!



On our final Sunday in Oregon, we had the privilege of presenting our ministry and preaching at Westside Baptist Church (Eugene, OR). What a joy to meet Pastor Kaminski and see his servant's heart and faithfulness to a church he started almost 40 years ago. It was a blessing to meet Pastor Nathan as well, along with the rest of this encouraging congregation.

Thank you once more for your support and encouragement!

Serving Christ,  
The Valiantes  
2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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### **CURRENT SUPPORT LEVEL: 68%\***

\*8% of this support is temporary and will end in June 2020

#### **Prayer Requests:**

For God to continue to supply our financial needs  
To be at (or near) our support goal by the end of 2018  
For continued grace to our family during this time of transition  
Safety during our Westward Travels

#### **Praises:**

For news of Regular Baptist Press wanting to publish my book Safety (and for good attitudes) in our travels