



THE VALIANTE FAMILY

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

Merry Christmas from the Valiante Family! I want to begin this update simply offering praise to God for His goodness and provisions for our family over the course of the past year. We have spent an entire year depending upon the Lord to supply each of our needs, and He has done far above all that we could have asked for or imagined. This year has been one of the most joyous years for our family. Just to rehearse, here are a couple of the highlights!

Our “biggest highlight” came in May when we welcomed little Noemi Grace to our family. She has brought more joy into our lives that we can express. The children adore her, and she is a little sweetheart. She has done extremely well in all of our travels. In fact, she has probably travelled to more places in seven months than most people travel their entire lives! We are blessed that she has a calm temperament (usually), and easily adapts to new surroundings. She is a great sleeper (which Mommy is especially thankful for), and over this past month has begun her foray into eating solid foods. Her favorites are sweet potatoes, peas, butternut squash, bananas and apple sauce! Thank you to all those who have prayed for us, and prayed for grace as we adjusted to having a little one join us while “on the road.” We have truly seen the goodness and grace of God throughout it all.



Another highlight has been the many churches we have been privileged to get to know. We are grateful for each ministry, and each pastor along the way. We are excited to be at 75% of our needed support, and are praying that the remaining 25% will come in over the next month or so. In the coming weeks, we will begin our travels to head back East where we will visit a couple of our supporting churches in January. My plan is to take a travelling hiatus during the month of February in order to give extra attention to working on the courses I will be teaching in 2019, and to work on acquiring our visas for the Philippines. It is hard to believe we will be leaving (Lord willing) in May!

Although there are a million additional highlights, probably the next biggest one was the signing of an author contract with Regular Baptist Press for my book, *God Gives More Grace*. This was something our family began praying for at the start of the year, and it was amazing to watch God answer in a very specific way.



Since the middle of October, we have been staying with Mom and Dad Muth in Southeast Colorado. This has been such a refreshing time, and a special blessing for our children to spend extended time with Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins on the Muth side of the family. While staying in this area, we have had the joy of visiting with a good number of churches. Over the past month we enjoyed connecting with Faith Baptist in Fowler, CO, High Country Baptist in Colorado Springs, CO, First Baptist in Las Animas, CO, and Community Baptist in Crowley, CO. It has been great to visit with these ministries, and get to know the folks around Sarah's hometown.



A final note: Over Thanksgiving the Muth Family was able to gather for a long-overdue reunion. Sarah's parents, along with her 5 brothers and sisters and their families gathered in Rocky Ford Colorado. There were 34 of us all together. This made for a memorable, crazy, fun time!



Thank you once more for your support and encouragement!
May God give you a Christ-focused, blessed Christmas Season.

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

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CURRENT SUPPORT LEVEL: 75%*

*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 when we travel back East near the start of the year

Praises:

Upcoming publication of my book (*God Gives More Grace*)
Safety (and for good attitudes) in our travels
Increased support level!