

From the Hillside



To say it's been a rough year would be an understatement. "It's confusing when you can't determine if the signs are for you to give up or just a test to see how long you could hold on..." - Unknown This quote I came across recently is a good summary of where our thoughts have been over this last year. There have been many ups and downs that have caused us to question whether God was leading us to stay at WIM or find another ministry.

The plan last fall was for Scott to phase out of the business management position and return to working solely with the radio. It had been over three years since he agreed to temporarily fill the position of business manager and his knowledge of non-profit accounting had been pushed to the limit. As excited as we were about Scott being able to get back to working solely with radio, this proved very difficult without someone else to fill the business position. We came to the conclusion that it would never happen unless we were to separate ourselves from the mission; therefore, we began making plans to take a leave of absence/ home service time.

Since we joined WIM nearly 7 years ago the leadership of the mission has undergone some major changes. As we contemplated the need for change in Scott's role here at the mission several incidents occurred which made it obvious to us that we have some major disagreements with the current leadership over matters of mission policy, financial accountability, and ministry outreach. As great as the ministry need continues to be here, it became obvious to us that it was time for us to move on and seek out a ministry where our effectiveness would be maximized for God's glory.

Prayer & Praise:

- *Pray for the needed increase in our support so we can make the transition to Alaska quickly.*
- *Praise for God's leading over the last year.*
- *Pray for the details of having a baby while in transition (due the end of November).*
- *Pray for the reversal of Sarabeth's placenta previa.*
- *Pray for safety in travel.*
- *Pray for health and stamina*
- *Pray that those we leave at WIM would find rest and hope in God and His Word!*

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Scott at KCAM
in Alaska July 2016



Our goofy Ben!

Transition to Alaska (cont.)

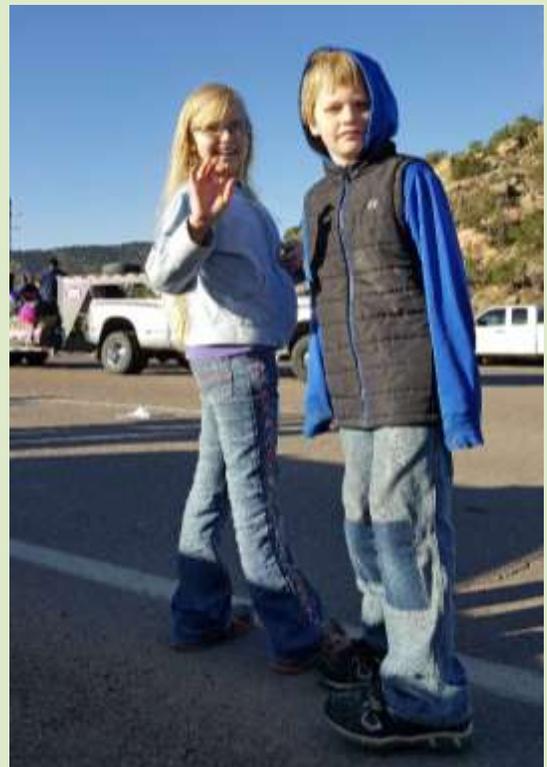
As we explored the many opportunities out there for a missionary with Scott's skills, two stood out to us – Sunset Solutions in Indiana and KCAM in Alaska. Both are excellent ministries and it was a hard choice between them. After taking a trip to Indiana at the beginning of June and communicating with KCAM, it was Scott's love of broadcasting that God used to show us which was the right choice for our family. We are excited to be returning to KCAM which is now operating under a new non-profit ministry called Joy Media. Your prayers and financial support mean a lot to us as we make this transition.

Family Update

Through all this transition our family has continued to grow. We are excited if a little nervous about having our first high schooler! **Matthew** is in 9th grade this year and **Sarabeth** is feeling the pressure to make sure we are getting all the required courses and remembering to keep track of grades. He still loves rockets, is developing a growing interest in computers, and will miss building forts in the 'mountain' behind our house. **Lydia** can't wait to turn 13 this fall. She reads voraciously and enjoys studying history and science. **Kara** is in 6th grade and excelling in her schoolwork. She enjoys writing stories, coloring/painting, and playing computer games. **Caleb**, 4th grade, does well in school when he isn't getting distracted finding better ways to make paper airplanes and building things out of old detergent bottles. He loves fixing up old bikes and baking. **Ben** is in 1st grade already and eager to do school with his siblings. His boundless energy rarely dims even when sick and he loves being outside. **Gabe** has graduated from the nursery to join Ben in children's church has made mommy happy by staying dry at night (no more pull-ups!). Our little **Thomas** isn't so little anymore. At 16 months he is slower than most getting going and just now on the verge of crawling. He is quite spoiled with all the attention from his siblings and protests mightily when they are doing schoolwork instead of playing with him.



Gabe having fun at the Navajo Nation Parade



Kara & Caleb