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The Glorious Sight

*Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious;
See the Man of Sorrows now! From
the fight returned victorious, Ev'ry
knee to Him shall bow. – LSB 495.1*

We have indeed seen the glorious sight, through the eyes of faith. We have been privileged to see the crucified Son of Man return as the risen and glorified Son of God. And, as I write this, we prepare to worship Him once more as the ascended Lord who sits on the throne of heaven at the right hand of His Father.

We pray that the Lord has granted you a blessed Eastertide. Here is a recap of our travels in the past month or so. For more photos, please visit our Facebook page.

For Easter, we were in Austin, TX. Ryan led services at Jesus Deaf Lutheran Church for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We were blessed to worship with the saints at St. Paul's in Austin for Maundy Thursday and the Great Vigil of Easter.

Then, from Austin we traveled west. We visited supporters in San Angelo, TX; Roswell, NM; and Overgaard, AZ on our way to California.

In California, we spent almost two weeks with Ryan's mother, including celebrating her 70th birthday with her. Faith Lutheran Church, Tujunga even had a birthday cake for her! While in CA, we took a little family time, and Rhys wanted to see some of the California Missions. So we toured eight missions in four days! Only 13 more to go!

Then, we headed back across the Southwest, stopping in Mesa, AZ and El Paso, TX on our way to Houston. After visiting supporters in Tomball, we spent a week of vacation at Emily's aunt and uncle's house. It was nice to just relax, sleep in a few days, and have some quiet family time together.

Now we are in the midst of a stay in the Dallas/Fort Worth area before heading to Oklahoma to celebrate the



Prayer Requests:

Thanksgiving for:

- Opportunities to see friends and family
- Gracious hosts throughout our travel
- Another year of life for Ryan's mother

Praise for:

- His glorious resurrection!
- New partners joining our network
- Safe travel thus far

Pray for:

- Health and safety as we travel
- Our students, colleagues, and friends in Africa
- The success of our home service labors, so that we can continue serving

Ascension of our Lord in Bartlesville.

We are grateful to all of our supporters, both old and new, who have welcomed us in each

place we have visited along our journey thus far. It has been a hard road at some points, but it has been a joy to share the Lord's work with His people wherever we go.



Nous rendons grâce à Dieu !

Photos from our travels



Easter Sunday – Jesus Deaf Lutheran Church, Austin, TX



Visiting the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum with friends from Austin



An open house in Los Angeles let us visit with many old friends.

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you. – 2 Thessalonians 3:1

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Rhys, Evangeline, Joshua, and Kaj*

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Home Service 2018

As we have been announcing for several months, we are now arrived in the US for our home service. We will be traveling around, visiting congregations and mission partners, and catching up with friends and family along the way. Here is what the next few months will look like for us. If you happen to be in the area, or would like us to come see you, please feel free to contact us!

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6	7	8	9 Our Redeemer, Dallas, TX Redeemer, Bartlesville, OK	10 Ascension Redeemer, Bartlesville, OK	11	12
13 Redeemer, Claremore, OK	14 Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove, KS	15	16 Ascension, Littleton, CO	17	18 Reconnect at IC, St. Louis, MO	19
20 St. John, Lexington, KY	21	22	23 Gloria Dei, Chicago, IL	24	25	26 Kaj's Birthday St. Martin, Winona, MN
27 St Martin, Winona, MN	28	29	30	31		

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					1	2 Mission Central, Mapleton, IA
3 Zion (West), Omaha, NE	4	5	6	7 St. Peter, Elma, IA New Hope, Charles City, IA	8	9
10 Bethany, Omaha, NE	11	12	13	14	15 IED LWML Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA	16 IED LWML Convention
17 Trinity, State Center, IA	18	19	20	21	22 SWD LWML Convention, Waukesha, WI	23 SWD LWML Convention
24 Christ the Life, Waukesha, WI	25	26	27	28 MNS LWML Convention, Mankato, MN	29 MNS LWML Convention	30 MNS LWML Convention

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