

Autumn Routine

Autumn weather has finally arrived in Dallas and we are enjoying the cooler temperatures as we settle into routines. Alyssa is well into her first semester at Criswell College and is enjoying her new job as a barista at the HOPE Coffee shop on the campus of Dallas Theological Seminary. Sabrina and Olivia are also adjusting to a new school year schedule of homeschool, co-op and online classes.

Involvement in church activities is also an important focus with our family. Alyssa volunteers as a youth leader and sings on the church worship team. Sabrina leads the high school worship team, as well as a weekly Bible study for other high school girls. Olivia and Sabrina both volunteer as childcare workers with Young Lives, a ministry of Young Life that focuses on mentoring teen moms and their babies. It's encouraging to see the girls' love for serving the body of Christ!



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This month, November of 2016, HOPE Coffee launches a new ministry in Puebla, Mexico alongside a new Mexican Light Roast coffee! Mark Fittz, founder of HOPE Coffee, will be in Mexico this month to work alongside the Mexican believers and train our Camino Global missionary, Darrol Prusia, while they share the gospel with an unsaved family. Pray for Darrol and the Mexican pastors as they learn how to implement sharing the gospel through HOPE Coffee projects.

October brought about lots of excitement as HOPE Coffee partnered with Compassion Tea to provide high quality tea to our customers. Compassion Tea is the "HOPE Coffee" of the tea world. They donate 100% of their after-tax profits



to their parent organization, CompassioNow, which strives to bring the life-saving message of the Gospel and life-saving medical care to people in rural parts of Africa.

These connections with Compassion Tea and Mexico have been in process for about 8 months. Thank you for praying for our team as we tested the coffee and tea and prayed through the ministry and partnerships. I never knew tea could taste so good or that light roasted coffee could have so many flavors in it! In mid-October, I was able to meet with Ed and Wendy Bjurstrom, founders of Compassion Tea, in Anaheim California to express our appreciation for their ministry business and for our partnership. Pray that both companies would be successful so that many more can hear the gospel. It is truly exciting to see the fruit of our team's labor and know that more people will hear the gospel message and will trust Christ as we partner with the national believers.

While we don't know what God has planned for the future, there are several more opportunities that are "in-the-works". Some of these involve other countries with both ministry and coffee, while others involve the opportunity to branch out into a HOPE Coffee shop and church planting model that could be used around the world. It is still too early to tell which of these God will allow to succeed. However, we are convinced that if our friends are praying for God's wisdom and discernment, then God's direction for HOPE Coffee will become clear to our team.

Our family thanks you and our team thanks you! God is using you and your prayers to guide our hearts to become more like His. Thank you for standing with us and upholding us! We feel God's strength through you.

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