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THE KUHN FAMILY

Family Update Edition!

Greetings from Kara on behalf of the Kuhn Family! Since the school year is done now, I get the opportunity to write for the prayer letter, so here is a bit of an update from the home front!



Tobias



Tobias' favourite thing to do in school is read. He loves it so much that it also consumes much of his free time! But it is well-deserved after he has diligently finished all his other chores and school-work. One of the things I appreciate most about the curriculum we are using right now is that it really encourages the students to question whether the books they are reading constitute worthy literature. My hope is that as the children get older, they will be able to discern for themselves what types of literature are good for their souls and worth their time.

Pray for Tobias that he would grow in discernment of what he reads, so that he would be built up in his faith in Jesus and that his reading would help him to grow in the wisdom of the Lord!



Gideon



One of Gideon's highlights of this school year was preparing and giving a presentation on the Bahamas. Some of the things that Gideon does during his free time include origami, doodling, reading, bike riding, and swimming. A few months ago, we also made little mail boxes out of an old cardboard box, one for each family member, and great for sending messages, sharing riddles, or leaving a treat. Gideon enjoys making mail for others, and his return address always says "2nd Bedroom, Hallway Street."

Pray for Gideon that God would mold him into the person He wants him to be, and that Gideon would use his knowledge and skills to love and serve others!

Riddles from our mailboxes

I get wet when drying. I get dirty when wiping. What am I?
I am full of holes, but I can still hold a lot of water. What am I?
I am full of keys, but I cannot open any doors. What am I?

Riddle answers:

A rag
A sponge
A piano

Gloria

This year Gloria's major endeavour was learning to read. It is hard work! She sure loves listening to stories, but being the one doing the actual reading is another matter. I think one of the stumbling blocks for beginning readers is that the content that they are able to read is not as engaging as what they are able to listen to and understand. It just takes time and effort to get through this season, and Gloria is getting closer and closer, and then a whole new world of reading will open up to her!

Pray for Gloria to grow in resilience to the small and big hardships of life, and that Jesus would be her rock and her joy!

Jubilee

Jubilee communicates as much as she can with expressive baby babble, gestures, and tugging on other's clothing. She sits at the head of the table in her highchair and at times gets worked up about something and begins flapping her arms, protruding her lips, frowning her brow, and using her "scolding tone" on the rest of us, though we have no idea what she is talking about! I guess being the youngest of four, she figures she has got to learn to hold her own!

Pray for Jubilee that she would continue to grow in body and in mind, that she would hear God's Word and that it would sink deep into her heart!

City Life

Life in the city is different than life in the small town. Here are some of the things we have noticed.

There are many more people around, more cars, motorcycles, big buildings, markets, churches, mosques, hospitals. In the small town we heard cattle, goats, and chickens making their respective noises day and night. Here we hear lawn mowers and traffic noises, practice drills at the firing squad, many different church bells and calls to prayer at the mosques.

In the small town, it could be hard to find chicken at any given time, but here you can order roasted chickens at roadside food stands, served with fried plantains or French fries.

In Galim, we had two beautiful plumeria trees in front of the house. We also had an avocado tree and many mango trees nearby. Here we have the same, as well as many varieties of colourful flowers that have been planted around the compound.

Pray for me and Mike as we continue to grow in our parenting, that God would lead us, guide us, and give us wisdom to raise each of our children well, that we would be models of His love for them, and that we would embrace humility and forgiveness as we make mistakes along the way.

Kuhn Family Stats

Books read by Tobias	61,974
Paper boats made by Gideon	325,796
Words read by Gloria	928,653
Protruding lip facial expressions by Jubilee	47,923,158,954,154
Smiles for Dad & Mom	8,426,059,425,118,441,651

Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Rev. Mike, Kara, Tobias, Gideon, Gloria and Jubilee Kuhn