



Maiorano Minutes

3rd Quarter 2019



The Summer Is Here

The month of June is upon us. It was a cool mild spring, so the peach and apple trees are full of potential fruit, and I had a long-awaited chance to enjoy my lilacs in full bloom. Most years the trees begin to bloom, and then they freeze and the blossoms fall off. God's handiwork is breathtaking.



May 16th was the close of the school portion of the PTC Educational Ministry. The Lord had been leading us in this direction for the last couple of years. With very little fanfare we said good-bye to our five young men and closed the door on a huge part of our lives for the last 20 years. Two days later my mother flew into ABQ, and the whole family met at Jeremy's house for a nice dinner. The next day Mom and I flew to FL and had a wonderful, relaxing time with my sister.

Our Students

Where are our students now? Joshua is pursuing computer graphics. He is checking out summer courses at UNM Gallup Campus. Kyle will be going to a school in Gallup for his senior year and then college for agricultural studies. He is doing some enrichment courses over the summer. I will continue to work with Tommy as we finish his studies, so he can graduate, get a great score on his ASVAB, and join the Marines in the beginning of 2020. Mattias will be headed to a local Catholic school to play ball for his high school years. I will tutor him in math to prepare him for this transition. Ethan's future plans are undecided. There is talk of a possible job relocation for his father, so homeschooling online may be an option for Ethan.



Ethan Mattias Joshua Kyle Tommy

Our Family

June is always a special month with birthdays and our anniversary. Jim and I celebrated 39 years of marriage, I will be 58, Jim will hit the big 6-0, and Jeremy will turn 35. Jimmy was a New Year's baby, so he is the odd man out. He'll be 38 on his birthday. Our oldest grandchild, Sam, turned 18 this year, and Storme will be 17 in September. Jeremy's oldest child, Hailey, will be three in August and the twins, Kason and Collin, will celebrate their 1st birthday in September. Where does the time go?

Continued Classes

So what is in store for us in the near future? We continue on with Sunday Fellowship and Monday night Bible studies. Over the summer we are working on a wonderful series called the Stranger on the Road to Emmaus by John Cross. We are contemplating two studies in the fall. We have been asked to lead the marriage class again. For the other study, I am torn between three studies. I am praying about I Peter, James, or Philipians. All of them have very timely messages for today.

What Does the Future Hold?

Jim and I feel that we still have much to offer for God's service with the gifts and abilities He has given us, and the experiences we have had over our many years. Our previous prayer request was for God's direction as we continue to serve Him. If we have learned anything over the years, it is that we can completely trust Him because He is in control. We serve a loving God who has a plan and purpose for us. He has taught us the importance of not holding onto things too tightly. God is asking us to trust Him enough to let go of a life we were comfortable in and move on in another area of service. We have made several inquiries about potential ministries that could use our unique gifts and abilities. We continue to seek His guidance with open and willing hearts, giving all that we are and all that we have into His hands. We are willing to follow wherever He leads. Please pray with us on this journey!

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God's Answers to Prayer

1. The peace we feel at this juncture of our lives. As we are cleaning out and moving on materials, we have come across cards and pictures that have brought back good memories. We have also had calls and visits from previous students and parents. They have been a great encouragement to us.
2. For the wonderful visit that I had with my sister and mother. It was a time for me to debrief and talk about the future. God blessed us with a beautiful place and weather.
3. Ray and Janice Williams came during the last two weeks of school. They worked on various projects for us, and Janice taught a couple of art classes which the students enjoyed. We appreciated their help.
4. For the encouragement we receive by being in God's Word and teaching it on Sunday morning and Monday evenings. We truly serve an awesome God, and the more we study His Word, the more awesome He becomes.

Please Pray For the Following . . .

1. That we can be an encouragement to Kevin in the ministry that God has given him. Just like us, when he has taken his stand on Scripture, he has had people leaving the church. They were looking for experiences and feelings and not truths from the Word.
2. We desire to help Kevin with the task of homeschooling his nephew he is raising. We pray for encouragement from his family members. It is hard for a man who has never been married and has no experience parenting to now not only raise this young boy but to educate him as well. We want to equip him and support him on this endeavor.
3. For direction in the classes that will be taught in August.
4. We ask your continued prayer as we have inquired about ministry opportunities, and we are beginning to get some feed back from those we have contacted. We hope to have some more specifics to share with you in our next letter.



Back row - Jeremy (Collin), Jim, Linda, Jimmy, Angel, Storme, Sam
Front row - Aubri (Hailey), Linda's mom - Lillian (holding great-grandson Kason)