

"I FOUND IT NECESSARY TO WRITE APPEALING TO YOU TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH THAT WAS ONCE FOR ALL DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS." JUDE 1:3B

Heffner Happenings

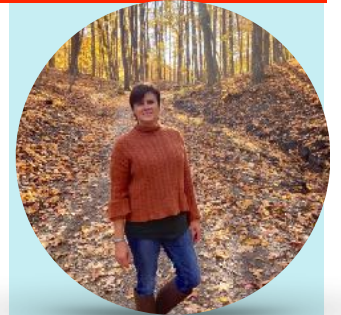
"20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God! 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,* so that we could be made right with God through Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 NLT



There is always so much to be thankful for!

Above: With precious "family" the Dummermuths and Mosts.

We give thanks for several of our students who have given their lives to Christ at our HS retreat, the boys that Mark gets to disciple in class and out of class, Harry's decision to get baptized, our neighborhood "halloween" outreach that opened doors to talk about Jesus and deepen friendships, the breakthroughs in various lives we are seeing, and the precious gifts of the body of Christ, our eternal family! Thank you God! He is our greatest reason to rejoice and give thanks! "I will enter His gates with thanksgiving."



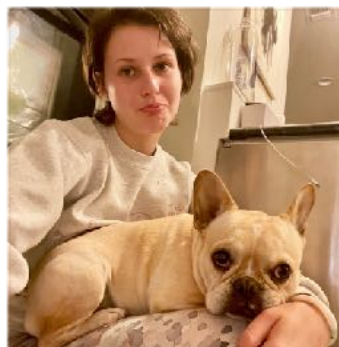
Spotted this "beauty" in an Ohio forest!



Some of Mark's students.



Laura with dear friend Trula Yoshino.





1st Page Pics: 1. Laura with her brother Stephen and his two kids...and our mini horse Shrimp and Bulldog Dozer dressed as bees. 2. Anna and Mila our rescue Frenchie from Taiwan. 3. (First page lower right)) What a joy to spend time with Henry Liu in Dallas after almost 30 years. He was on our first Taiwan evangelistic trip around the island with his brother Jackson! Remember our dear friend Henry in your prayers.

2nd Page Pics: 1. A special time with our dear Pastor, Friend & Mentor Lud Golz. His ministry in our lives is beyond words. 2. One of Mark's "lively" Bible classes. 3. Madeline, Mark's student, is a top-notch barrel rider. 4. Daniel, Gabe, Anna and Laura enjoying a delicious Thanksgiving meal. 5. Some of Laura's 7th grade Mandarin students. 6. Laura with a long-time family friend at his fruit/berry farm in Ohio.

Prayer Requests: 1. Gabe & Anna will be going to Europe in March to seek God's continued guidance about ministry among refugees there. Clarity about what law school for Gabe and future jobs is also needed. 2. Daniel is training hard as he prepares to try out for a special ops unit with the air force. Keep him in prayer for wisdom, grace and peace as he pursues this career/ministry. He turns 18 In 2 days. 3. We ask prayer for wisdom, guidance and provision as Mark believes this is his last year at SCS. He desires to be back ministering with Chinese/Taiwanese in a more full-time way in evangelism, discipleship and church-encouragement. This will involve more traveling. Open doors in various places where large pockets of Chinese are have been suggested but clear guidance and financial provision is needed. Mark still remember these words by Hudson Taylor he read as a young high school student as God was calling him to reach Chinese people: "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." Laura will continue teaching Mandarin part time at SCS and work with int. students. Our home-base will be Fort Worth for the near future. 4. Pray for physical health and energy for Mark; especially his chronic cluster headaches (a 40 year struggle) have intensified and for Laura as teaching high energy kids at our "young age" can be demanding! :) -plus she's married to Mark so pray hard! 5. One of our bible students last year, "Mak", is in France studying abroad now. Pray for her as she seeks to walk with Jesus and be a witness there as an HS exchange student. 6. Carson, one of Mark's bible students, told Mark last week that he is heading to Japan and then to Italy for short term travel. He has had an interest/desire in being a missionary to Japan for a while. He is only a sophomore in high school but loves the Lord dearly and we rejoice in our times with Carson these 2 years. Finley, another of Mark's students, is in Guatemala now on a missions trip too this Thanksgiving. Keep her growth in our Lord in prayer. 7. Another 9th grade boy, Matthew (He has "the mother of all mullets" by the way and proud of it) wants to be a pastor/missionary. He "Mullet Matt" started listening to Chuck Swindoll when he was in 2nd grade and met him in person as a little boy. Yes, you heard that right. His mother verified it. He practically made them go see him in Frisco, TX. :) And you thought you were spiritual! Ha! Pray for Matt to stay true and faithful to God and to be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ all his days. 8. Pray for wisdom and guidance for our bible curriculum selections as we seek to make it most life-changing for the students. So many of our students are from broken families as well, so we need God's strength to guide, instruct, discipline and encourage these students in the Holy Spirit's power. For this to transpire, we ourselves need to remain intimately close to our Savior. The students are memorizing Scripture, doing bible journals, learning how to build loving Christ-centered and Bible-based relationships & reaching out through service opportunities. 9. Pray for their life-long Holy Spirit impact for mission trips internationally and locally in the Spring too.

We again want to thank each of you for your many prayers, partnership and provision for this work that God has given us. We pray for you in the same way. We are in need of His touch in our lives moment by moment; day by day. He is so good and kind! Lord, help us walk worthy of You for You are worthy! There are so many unreached people groups, limited access countries and areas where the gospel, Christ-centered churches and ministries don't exist or are in short supply (and needs here too) as you know. May our hearts still beat for these people groups and areas. 2 Corinthians 5 challenges us constantly about the fact that we are ambassadors for Christ and that our world needs to hear & see Christ lived out in our lives. "He must increase. I must decrease." John 3:30.

Come visit us here in Fort Worth! It would be an honor and privilege!

For His Glory and Kingdom,

Mark & the Heffners

