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THE BARKER FAMILY

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Month of Miracles!



We thought this could be our last night with Henry.

The evening of March 10 found me standing outside the front of Duke Children's Hospital in Durham, North Carolina, waiting for a food delivery. A driver honked their horn and made motions with their hands. This was not unusual, so I thought nothing of it. After the second or third time, I started walking towards the car and found a woman inside the car frantically motioning for me to open her door. Upon opening her car door, it became obvious that she needed help and was panicking. She was desperately trying to put the vehicle in park but could not, which I did and then informed her that I was going to get help. She emphatically pleaded with me, however, not to do so. Through labored breaths and tears, she said, "Please, I don't have insurance. I'm just having a panic attack. I can get in a lot of trouble. Please just stay and talk to me." Eve was a young Hispanic woman about 19 years of age. She began telling me her life story and some of the mistakes she had made. While weeping, she stated she didn't know what to do. I began speaking calmly to her, and her breathing slowed down to a regular pace. After assessing that she didn't seem to be in immediate need of medical assistance, I used the opportunity to share the Gospel, using my testimony as a framing tool. When it came time to make a decision, Eve was more than ready to accept Jesus Christ, and in her own words while still weeping, she asked Him for eternal life. Shortly thereafter, the individual she was waiting for arrived. I explained what had happened, and they agreed she should not be driving. I invited them both to a local-area church but was unable to get their contact information. Please pray for Eve and Yuriel to get in church and receive the help they need.



Graveside service for "Opa"



Traveling with Carina, Barrett, Alex, and Joanna

Sandra's mom cared for our other four children for about three weeks, though I did need to make a trip to Indiana to bring them back home while Sandra remained in the hospital. While in Indiana, I was able to attend the graveside service for Sandra's grandfather, whom the children lovingly called "Opa," with them, and it was meaningful for all of us. The trip also allowed me to spend needed time with them, while also taking care of a few meetings that were along our route back. When I made it back and swapped places with Sandra in the hospital, she was especially grateful for the chance to see the children again after being apart from them for over a month.



With Pastor Riker of Calvary Baptist in Linton, Indiana

On the evening of March 8, we were told Henry had another blood clot on his brain, that surgery would stop his treatment for 3 weeks, and even if that was resolved, there was irreversible brain damage. They gave him 24 to 48 hours to live and just wanted his last moments to be as peaceful as possible. I stated that we believed in miracles and wanted him reevaluated in the morning. In answer to the prayers of many, the morning found the miracle we were looking for. His surgeon came back from vacation with an idea she just "couldn't get out of her mind," and the surgery worked. She said she had never seen anything like it, and that 99.9% of the time, a child presenting like Henry was brain dead—but his scans indicate he is definitely not. Please keep praying.



With Pastor Rodgers of North Harrison Baptist Church in Ramsey, Indiana

Working hard to bring fruit to your account,
Jeremy, Sandra, Carina, Barrett, Henry, Alex, & Joanna Barker



With Pastor Smith of Good News Baptist Church Candler, North Carolina



At Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Flat Rock, North Carolina



With Pastor Smale of Calvary Baptist Church in Akron, Ohio



With Pastor Rice of Anchor Baptist Church in Massillon, Ohio



With Pastor Pauley, New Grace Baptist Church in Iron Station, North Carolina

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