

The Crawford Family

Thanksgiving Update

Dear Friends,

We hope this letter finds you all in high spirits during this wonderful holiday season. We just finished celebrating Thanksgiving with our family and we are thankful for all that God has done this year. We are excited to announce that...WE ARE THANKFUL FOR BABY #2! We have recently found out that Anna is pregnant and will be expanding our family in July!

We are overflowing with thanksgiving this season due to recent family celebrations. First, we celebrated Anna's birthday late in October and then five days later our first wedding anniversary. Our first year flew by leaving us wondering where the months have gone. Then Keirsten turned four at the beginning of November! We celebrated with a Beauty and the Beast themed party with Keirsten playing the role of Princess Belle. She tells us often that when she grows up she wants to be a "Ballerina Princess". Next, Anna and I recently returned from a week of vacation, which was extremely restful and warm. Finally, we are

celebrating Anna's recent

graduation! She finished her last

class earlier this month and just this past Wednesday received her diploma in the mail. With all of this happening so recently it is easy to say that we are thankful for all that God has done for us.



Gaston made a special appearance to Keirsten's Birthday party. (Gaston played by Uncle Jack)

We are thankful for our family and all their love and encouragement. There is not a day that goes by that we don't receive joy from either seeing or talking to them. We are thankful for the support of our friends who strengthen us throughout the week. From the small groups to the short chats there is always some form of blessing, excitement, relief, confirmation or encouragement that comes from them and we are thankful for everyone the Lord has placed around us. We give thanks for the support of our partners who we consider our ministry family. Each month we are amazed with

the generosity and faithfulness of those who support us financially, without you our ability to pursue God's calling would not exist so we are incredibly thankful for you. We are thankful for the grace that God has on us. We don't deserve the life that He has given us but His grace has given us more than we deserve and in that grace we recognize that we are most thankful for our First Love—Jesus Christ—who has given us His life and that through Him we may be in the presence of the Father and have eternal life. Thank you Jesus for being a Faithful King and the Lover of our Soul we give you the praise, honor and glory that you deserve.

We are thankful to serve at Dayton SHOP where things have been picking up speed. Without saying too much Dayton SHOP was given a very generous gift by an anonymous donor that has allowed SHOP to purchase a building absolutely debt free. They have recently closed on purchasing a building near the McComas home where SHOP was previously located. This is an amazing God-size blessing! God has not only provided the funds for a new building but also provided a great space for SHOP to grow. SHOP is still operating in the addition off the

McComas home while renovations are made and there is not a date set on when the new space will become the official home for SHOP, but it is exciting that it is in the works.

Anna and I are still pouring into prayer and intercession over the city through meetings downtown and in the marketplace. We have been praying for breakthrough in the city for new businesses, the ending of abusive behavior—be it drugs, violence or all forms of physical abuse—and praying for the unity of the Church. We have seen some answers to these prayers as new small businesses and tenets are entering the downtown area. We heard rumors of violence were going to possibly break out in October but we saw that dissipate as well. With praise we also report that there are city leaders and church leaders who are beginning to gather together to see Dayton transformed and we believe God is answering our prayers.

KEIRSTEN'S ADOPTION UPDATE

Last month we got word that Keirsten's adoption hearing will be at the beginning of January and we have gotten confirmation that this will be the only hearing we will have to undergo! We have scheduled a home study for the beginning of December which is our last step before the hearing. Please pray that our home study goes well and that all our paperwork continues to go through smoothly. We are bursting with excitement and anticipation!

EXPANDING THE FAMILY MEANS EXPANDING THE HOME

We have been living in our apartment for just over a year, but with a new addition coming into the family this summer we are foreseeing some spacial issues. We have been thinking and praying around moving into a larger space for a while but now there is a bit of added pressure. We have begun looking into renting or purchasing a home. We have begun meeting with a local real estate agent and checking into mortgages to see what we can afford. This is a huge step for our family so we are asking for you to agree with us in prayer that God would lead and provide for us and we would be attentive to His leading. We have seen Him provide for us in amazing ways this last year and believe that God will continue to move in amazing ways because we are seeking Him through it all.

UPCOMING DATES

Please pray accordingly around these upcoming dates for our family

DEC. 2 - Appointment for Pregnancy

2 Week in DEC. - Home Study for Keirsten's Adoption

DEC. 20-27 - Family Christmas in Arizona

DEC. 28 - JAN. 1 - ONETHING 2014 in Kansas City

1 WEEK in JAN. -Keirsten's adoption hearing

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

PRAYER & INTERCESSION

SATURDAY NIGHTS - 9pm-11pm

ABIDE a time of corporate worship and prayer at DaytonSHOP

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS - 1pm-2pm

PrayDayton: prayer at Key Bank Tower for the city (10. W. Second St. Dayton, OH)

PARTNER FINANCIALLY

Online Giving - www.jakedcrawford.com

Check - Make check out to 'Dayton SHOP' and attach post-it note with 'Crawford Family' attached and mail to: 3822 Knowlwood Dr.
Beavercreek, OH

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Home study for Keirsten's adoption
- A good first appointment for the baby
- Wisdom deciding to rent or purchase a home
- God's provision however He leads
- A safe and enjoyable trip with our family in Arizona
- Praises for His continued faithfulness in providing for us
- Discernment and direction with some personal upcoming decisions we have to make as a family
- God's anointing on us to bring forth His will