

The Crawford Family

WINTER UPDATE

Dear Friends,

We hope that you and your family had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. We had a delightful Christmas in Arizona with Jacob's family where we enjoyed spending time with family and warm temperatures. We want to give a special thanks to our Aunt Stacie and Uncle Matt who helped provide us with flights to Arizona. We truly appreciate your generosity and the blessing of spending a whole week with you and Grandma and Grandpa Ritchey.

On January 7, our family celebrated the finalization of Keirsten's adoption. The official proceeding was a short, but sweet moment in the courtroom where the judge declared Keirsten to formally be Keirsten Riley Crawford. It was a long awaited moment that has brought much joy and peace to our family knowing that Keirsten is now legally Jacob's daughter.

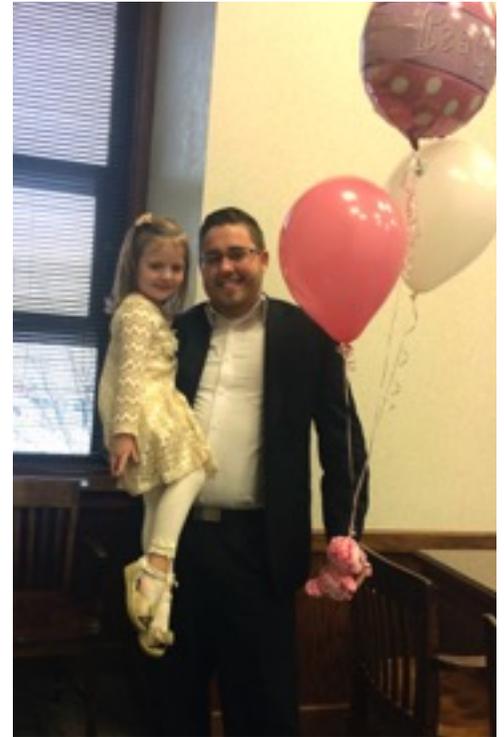
For those who have not heard, we are expecting a baby in June of this year. Earlier this month we discovered our little bundle is going to be a BOY! His name will be Jacob Daniel Crawford II—he will go by the name of Daniel (or Danny as Anna has been calling him).

At the beginning of the year we reevaluated how we give of our first fruits. We decided that a portion of each months giving would be entrusted to Keirsten to determine how the Lord would have us give that amount. This month Keirsten heard the Lord asking us to feed a family. Back at Christmas time we participated in our churches Giving Tree and took presents to a single mother and her daughter in the inner city. Keirsten decided that this was the same family we were to provide with food. As we dropped the food off at there house—leaving without knocking or ringing the door bell—Keirsten was so cute as she giggled with excitement through the whole time. It is exciting as a parent to see how the Lord is beginning to invigorate our little one with compassion and love for others. Next month Keirsten says we are to build a house for a family who does not have one... We will see how the Lord works that one into fruition!

Because of the upcoming addition to our family this year we have found a new home! We were incredibly blessed to find a home for rent within Bellbrook that was in our price range. Our new home is a three-bedroom ranch, with a two-car garage, and spacious back yard! In the spring, Grammer (Anna's mother Sherri) will be giving Keirsten an outdoor play set. Keirsten is more than excited to have a slide and swing at her own home. The new home has come with some added expenses, but we know the faithfulness of the Lord will continue to shine on our family and He will meet all of our needs.

We have obviously had an abundance of blessings over the past few months! We are so thankful for your continued prayer and support for our family, without such prayer our lives would not be as blessed. We pray that the Lord blesses and keeps you, and that you all experience His love in your lives.

Your Family in Christ,



SAME HEART. NEW LOCATION.

DAYTON SHOP UPDATES

Dayton SHOP has been taking on some substantial changes, as God has provided some amazing opportunities. A significant financial gift was anonymously given to Dayton SHOP. As the leadership prayed, they felt God was giving this money to SHOP for the expansion of the Prayer Room. As Watchmen—the leadership team at SHOP—we had been



praying that God would give us a space that would have suitable parking and a larger prayer room. This donation was clearly an answer to our prayers!

God revealed a location for this expansion on Maplevue Dr (which is parallel to—and can be seen from—Dayton Xenia Rd). The location was within price range and had more space than we were looking for! The building also has more than enough parking (due to the church next door opening up their parking lot to us) which was beginning to be a reoccurring issue at the current SHOP location.



Because the new location used to be an old preschool/daycare center, the design allows for a large central prayer room with a classroom, meeting room, healing room, kitchenette, kids room, offices, and a lobby to all be surrounding the prayer room. There is an amazing playground in the backyard for children to play on.



We have been renovating the facility for the last few months, taking on many projects to make updates; bring the building up to code; and spruce the place up to make it an encouraging place to encounter God. Many people have been lending their hands and skills to improving the new Dayton SHOP building. The staff is thankful that people are glad to help in building God's house.

In addition to the many renovations, there has been a great deal of prayer over the building cleansing it and dedicating it to the Lord. Our family is honored to have been part of this process of SHOP moving into its new home.

I have been putting much of my time into the renovations of the building with Jack, and the many others who have been helping. It has been amazing to see how the building has transformed into what it is today. I have also been working on developing a new logo and website for SHOP to go along with the new location. The new site was launched earlier this month and is now live. The website is a place where you can see updates and pictures of what is going on at SHOP, see a calendar of events and prayer sets, and a place to watch sets live. Visit daytonSHOP.org to see the new site!

I invite you to attend the Grand Opening of the new Dayton SHOP building on Saturday, March 7th. It will be an open house from 1-5pm where you can see the new facility and hear about new upcoming prayer sets. Unfortunately, our family will not be able to attend the Grand Opening because we will be on a weekend retreat with our students from Hope Church. We would still love for you to be able to see the building and partake in this open house if you get the opportunity.

Please plan to stop by for the...

**DAYTON STUDENT HOUSE OF PRAYER
GRAND OPENING
MARCH 7, 2015
1PM-5PM, OPEN HOUSE STYLE
@414 MAPLEVIEW DRIVE
BEAVERCREEK, OH 45432
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**



ESTABLISHING PRAYER OVER THE MIAMI VALLEY

PRAY DAYTON UPDATES

On January 20th, we celebrated the completion of our first year praying for the Dayton-Miami Valley from the Key Bank Tower. It's amazing to think that it has already been a whole year. When we first began praying corporately from the Key Bank Tower it was a combination of spiritual fathers, pastors, and intercessors from different churches—and of different races. We have continued to maintain that diversity in our prayer sets. Through PrayDayton, God has brought together west and east side churches, churches with large congregations, small church plants, and all denominations of churches to intercede together. We made a rule that we would leave our doctrines and theologies on the first floor and pursue Christ and His will for the city alone. We didn't want any agendas of our own to affect how we prayed for the city and we believe that God has honored our prayers. It is amazing to see how God is uniting the body of Christ through prayer.

When we first started PrayDayton, we felt God leading our intercession in three specific directions: women and children, unification of the Church in Dayton, and Israel. As we prayed that God would move on behalf of women and children, God brought leaders from the Miami Valley Women's Center to lead us in prayer. In addition, we also saw Heart For The Next Generation lead a pro-life week here in the Miami Valley this past July. In regards to unification of the church, throughout the year in 2014, I was invited to participate in a citywide effort to bring pastors and spiritual leaders together to seek God for revival. Out of that came the Hope Over Heroin event in September, which revealed the beginnings of the church unifying through the Miami Valley. God has been answering our prayers and we believe that we are participating in God's plan coming forth in Dayton through our constant prayer before His throne.

In 2015, we have been asking God to renew our hearts with a renewed burden for prayer and intercession for Dayton. God led us to Nehemiah. The book opens with Nehemiah getting word about the city of Jerusalem being in poor condition and the walls being destroyed. When Nehemiah receives this news Scripture says that he mourned and wept, then fasted and prayed. We have been asking God to give us eyes to see the city the way He does and to get His heart for the city and that it would cause us to weep and mourn, like Nehemiah, causing us to go into deep fasting and prayer for the city.

Our second focus has been to keep our eyes on Jesus and to keep Him the focus of our gaze. It often seems that Christian ministries become so overwhelmed with a cause or a mission that they forget to keep their gaze on the most important One—Jesus. I believe that if we keep our gaze on Jesus our purpose, our prayers, and our devotion will be lead in the right direction. We often pray John 17 (Jesus' last prayer in John) over the city and say, "Jesus, we agree with your prayer."

Towards the end of 2014, the Lord began to put it on my heart that we needed to become more active in helping the revival of Dayton. Specifically, I felt the Lord pressing me to begin renting space within the building. We pray that God will revive the city financially and bring new tenants into the city... yet we ask for free space? This did not and does not sit well with me. In addition, I felt the Lord putting on my heart that I was not to give Him something that costs me nothing. With all this on my heart I have begun talking to the building management about renting an office on the 22nd floor that would be solely for praying for the city. It would be a small prayer room that would cost about \$300 a month. By the Lord's prompting, I have started inquiring about the space in faith. I have committed to paying one third of the rent each month and trust He will bring the rest. I believe that God has called our family to intercede and pray for the Miami Valley and we desire to see Him move through the city. I am excited to see what God will do this year as we align our hearts with His through prayer and intercession.

HOW TO PRAY FOR PRAYDAYTON

- That God would unite the city through setting our eyes on Jesus
- For breakthrough in every sphere of influence for His Kingdom to come on earth
- Pray that God would bring more intercessors to join us weekly
- That God would have mercy on the Miami Valley and bring His justice to every space.
- Pray for our endurance as intercessors that we would have strength and comfort when it becomes lonely and tiring
- Pray that we would have discernment and divine insight in how to pray

YOU ARE A NEW CREATION

UPDATES ON MARKETPLACE PRAYER

One of my greatest passions is praying in the marketplace. I believe that God is bringing boldness to marketplace Christians to live and do business differently for His Kingdom. God has provoked me to give much of my time to praying for the marketplace and meeting those who are in the marketplace that want to grow their prayer lives. I believe that God has confirmed His calling for me to do this through many unbelievable experiences.

One of the most amazing opportunities has been the opening of a public prayer room inside of a local business: Essex and Associates. This local tax resolution firm in Centerville has given their largest office space to become a prayer room for employees, clients, and the public. I have learned that this is a great way to build a place of prayer because it is completely sustained by the business. It also has been a great resource for the company, that is widely known as a Christian business, to meet people's spiritual needs along with their taxes. I have had the opportunity to pray over many Christians who have come by the prayer room, as well as, pray over and present the Gospel to some who have never met Jesus. As the tax season is at full speed I am excited to see what God will do.

As a marketplace intercessor I am able to pray within many different businesses around the Dayton area—some businesses on a weekly, and others on a monthly, basis. These times are a blessing as these businessmen and women give me the opportunity to be part of what God is doing in their businesses. In most cases, I am brought in by one person within the company and quietly pray over the office, for the employees, and for specific business needs. Then I get to share my insights or encourage the ones who brought me in to pray. There have been small breakthroughs that show the faithfulness of God and we have seen some huge breakthroughs that testify of His power and goodness.

I believe that God wants to strengthen the faith of men and women who are in the workforce to be bold in who they are in their jobs. Notice I did not say that they would be bold about WHO they are but IN who they are. The difference is when someone is bold about WHO they are they make it clear to everyone around them, but when someone is bold IN who they are it is seen in their character. Someone could be bold about being a Christian by making it clear to everyone they talk to by bringing up the Gospel, wearing Christian clothes, or having signs up with verses. Being bold in who you are, is different it is not necessarily seen by signs and clothing, or by bringing the Gospel up in every conversation. Instead being bold in who you are is seen in one's character because they are diligent and of integrity. Someone who is bold in who they are in Christ takes power and authority in their situations not by abruptly announcing their views but through prayer and obedience to God's prompting. I believe that God is wanting to release revelation to men and women about who they are in Christ and the power and authority that they have as sons and daughters of God through prayer and obedience to His leadership. God wants to direct our lives at work and I believe that He is going to start tuning ears into His voice as people seek to know Him at their work.

I have been working with At Work On Purpose (AWOP) to help give leadership to strengthen the marketplace in their faith. AWOP has been an established ministry, helping marketplace Christians in Cincinnati for 10 years and is beginning to develop a Miami Valley organization. AWOP has an annual conference called Marketplace Mobilization and this year I have been asked to teach a breakout on prayer in the marketplace. I want to extend an invitation to everyone who works and wants to strengthen their faith at work to attend this event on Saturday, March 14th from 8am to noon.

YOU'RE INVITED! Saturday, March 14th, 2015 / 8:00am - 12:00pm

ATWORK
On Purpose

Marketplace
2015 MOBILIZATION

THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT:

Christ's Church at Mason
5165 Western Row Road, Mason, OH 45040

REGISTER NOW →

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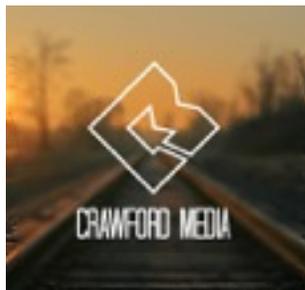
"This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD." - Jeremiah 9:23-24

I have been taking an International House of Prayer University course called *The Excellencies of Christ*, by Allen Hood. It is knocking my socks off. Each session leaves me speechlessly dumbfounded about how little I know about Jesus and with an increased desire to know more about Him. I am going through this course with a few brothers in the faith and it is causing us all to want to give ourselves to pursuing Him.

The focus of the course is all about Jesus and knowing Him. As I read through the notes and watch the teachings each week I find myself in awe of whom Jesus is and how wonderful of a man He is. As I study the Word and set my eyes on Him I find myself wanting to give more of my time to knowing Him and what He thinks of me. One thing that I have learned is that God has created us perfect for one thing: receiving His love. The Father gave us His Son to die on a cross that we would receive His love, meaning that His love is for us and we are perfect for receiving it.

When we receive God's love through the sacrifice of Jesus it causes us to love His Son more. Which really brings God's whole purpose into light. He created us for relationship that we would know Him, and that in turn, He would know us. Ultimately, He wanted us to understand the Father's love for us so that we would love His Son with the kind of love that He has for us -unrelenting, wholehearted love.

In the last weeks I have noticed my heart yearning to give Jesus unrelenting, wholehearted love. I realize that to give Jesus that kind of love I have to know Him in the deepest way because He is the very source of the love that I pour out. I share this with you to first of all encourage you to stir your hearts to know Christ. (Allen Hood shares in the course that we can not know God exhaustively because He is just so big and magnificent but we can know God truly and I encourage you to grow your knowledge of Him truly.) Secondly, I share this with you to let you know that I am fully given to this pursuit of knowing



Him and fulfilling His purpose for myself and for my family. Know that I am extremely thankful for your generosity to provide financially for our family so that we are able to give ourselves fully to what God has called us to. I pray that the Lord would mark it your treasure in eternity what you give to us and that He would be gracious to you and give you peace.



Our brother, Jack McComas has started a new electric and handyman business and we wanted to promote their new business and let you know to call them if you ever have any needs.

TENT MAKING

Over the summer I started a small marketing and media company to help supplement our income so that we could continue to do ministry full-time. I believe that this is an opportunity for me to gain some greater understanding and practical learning to integrate prayer into the workplace. I am practicing what I preach by asking God to fully lead the business.

Recently another company based out of Virginia has offered to acquire my business to start up a Dayton office for their company. After much prayer I believe God brought this forward. Over the next few months we will be working out the terms of our merger and it looks like God will be using this to eventually provide for our family so that we can give more to what God is calling us to.

It seems that whenever Paul had the chance to work He took it and therefore I am taking this opportunity. If you have any marketing, web design, or graphic design needs please check out my current website at: crawfordmediallc.org . Contact me about how I can help you with your needs.

UPCOMING DATES

Please pray accordingly around these upcoming dates for our family

MAR. 7 - Dayton SHOP's Grand Opening

*Everyone is invited to join in this open house from 1-5pm

MAR. 6-8 - Student Retreat with Hope Church Students

MAR. 14 - Marketplace Mobilization

*Open to anyone who's in the marketplace. Jacob will be speaking.

JUNE 25 - Baby Daniel's Due Date

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that Jacob would have wisdom and discernment in what and how to teach at the upcoming Marketplace Mobilization Conference in Cincinnati.
- Pray that the Grand Opening of Dayton SHOP would be a success and a blessing to all who are involved
- Pray for the health of Anna and baby Daniel as we wait with great anticipation for late June
- Pray for our family that we would stay focused on God's calling and that He would keep us from distraction



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

WEEKLY 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)

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOU TO ATTEND

DAYTON SHOP'S GRAND OPENING - SAT. MARCH 7 - 1pm-5pm

Please feel free to stop by and see the changes that have been made the the new Dayton SHOP facility during this open house event.

MARKETPLACE MOBILIZATION - SAT. MARCH 14 - 8am-12pm

If you are a working Christian you are invited to attend Marketplace Mobilization an event to encourage Christians in the workplace.

PARTNER FINANCIALLY

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Check - Make check out to 'Dayton SHOP' and attach post-it note with 'Crawford Family' attached and mail to:

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