

# The Crawford Family

## MAY-JUNE UPDATE

### FAMILY UPDATES

Today is baby Daniel's due date and we are waiting with great anticipation. We have finished preparing his room with an airplane theme and are ready to show him his new home. Keirsten is poised to be an amazing big sister. Recently she performed beautifully in her dance recital. Keirsten has been enjoying having her own backyard to play in this summer—equipped with her blow up pool and a swing set. As a family we are enjoying having a house, especially now that we can host our family and friends.

Please be praying for us over the coming weeks for a safe delivery and a smooth transition into newborn life. If you are interested in helping provide meals after Daniel is born please contact Sara Humphrey, (630-452-2552 or [sara@hopeindayton.org](mailto:sara@hopeindayton.org)) she will be helping to organize meals.

### AT WORK ON PURPOSE - MIAMI VALLEY

In late May I helped lead the launch of At Work On Purpose in the Miami Valley. It was a great honor to be able to share the vision of encouraging faith at work through this ministry. Our launch event, Marketplace Mobilization, was well attended by many businessmen and women who desire to see faith at work more prevalent in the Miami Valley marketplace. Jack McComas, Director of Dayton SHOP, led worship and Rob Bunting, Chuck Proudfit and myself co-hosted the event. We had three speakers, Robert Adamson, the founder of One Bistro a pay what you can restaurant that is focused on pay it forward service ministry; Jeff Reep, from Cedarville University; and Darryl Geis, CEO and founder of Christian Blue Pages. They all shared about their experiences with faith at work and how God is moving through them to make an impact for the Kingdom. I am excited to see how God will work through these initial ones coming forward to say yes to what God has called them to be in the marketplace.

### Dayton SHOP

Dayton SHOP has been running full force for over two months and we have seen some significant growth. Our family focused sets have experienced the most growth and activity. The Family Set on Tuesday afternoons has been well attended and the kids have been engaging in the sets by leading worship, reading scripture and giving direction for corporate prayer. Each week the time ends with the kids doing some quiet listen from God activities and they always hear or see some amazing things from the Lord. Anna has been helping co-lead the Mommy & Me prayer time on Friday's which has been well attended by moms this summer. It is wonderful knowing that even young children are learning to pray and that their prayers matter to God. SHOP will be closing for a week (June 30th - July 8th) due to our baby coming and Jack being gone on a missions trip.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Anna & baby Daniel's health during the pregnancy (due any day now)
- Growth of Website Workbox, Jacob's business, for new leads and provision to provide fully for the family and ministry
- God would move in the marketplace to see Christians released to fulfill their calling in their jobs
- Pray that in our new house we would grow in favor with God and men, meaning that we would glorify God with our house and that we would reach our neighbors with His love.
- We are asking God for insight in how to pray for the city of Dayton. What is concerning His heart?

## PROCLAMATION OF ORDINATION

In early May I was asked to apply to a conference called Set The Christians Free—a conference held by Five Rivers Ministries in Englewood. I didn't know what to expect other than knowing it had to do with marketplace ministry. It was a small gathering of about 20 Christians who were hand selected by the leadership of Five Rivers Ministries through an application process which focused mainly on previous biblical training and Christian character recommendations. Within the first five minutes I knew that this conference was something I have been waiting for, for a long time now.

In 2011, I moved back to Ohio from Liberty University to continue my education through the online university and to pursue some business opportunities. Within a few months I walked into the prayer room for the first time and within a year I was on staff full-time as an intercessor. As I processed what the Lord was calling me into I became unsatisfied with achieving the traditional ministry training because as I looked into the Seminary programs I didn't see much focus on prayer, intimacy or spirit-filled ministry. Instead I saw lots of doctrine, theology and church leadership training. (Not to say that I am against the latter but I didn't feel called to give my life to those things nor did I ever have an experience with such that gave me freedom in Christ. Personally, the former had given me freedom in Christ and I felt a calling to use what God had shown me to help others encounter Him.) As I continued my degree online and was considering Seminary the Lord began to ask me the question, "Why do you need seminary?" I was unprepared to give an answer and all I could think of was that's what every one says I have to do to serve the Lord. All I had heard was that if I wanted to serve God I had to get a Seminary degree so that I could get ordained and pastor in a church.

As God kept asking me this question I read the testimony of Richard Wurmbbrand, the founder of Voice of The Martyrs, who spoke of a few Christian men he had met in the late 1940's, in Romania, during World War II. He said that they were the most powerful men that he had ever met. When he asked them who ordained them, the men responded by saying that their bishop was working for the Nazi's at the time so they could not trust him. So, they prayed over each other one at a time and asked the Holy Spirit to anoint them. Wurmbbrand said that they must have been anointed by Holy Spirit because their ministry was powerful. After reading that account something in my spirit was aroused and I desired the same type of anointing. Not an ordination by men on paper, but one of the Holy Spirit, one of power.

This conference was the answer to the desire that has been in my heart for some time now. David Allen, the founder of Five Rivers Ministries and a former Senior Pastor of twenty-five years, had received the call to start recognizing the calling that God had on the everyday believers and to call them into the ministries that God had for them. The process was not that people came to the conference to be ordained for ministry but rather that this conference recognized what God had already called each person to and they were just simply coming into agreement with the Holy Spirit and giving each person affirmation to their calling. There is much to share about what was shared at the conference but the main point and heart was the aspect of the ordination of every believer. That every believer has a calling and it comes from the Holy Spirit. I am pleased to say that my ordination to proclaim the Gospel was recognized, affirmed, and called forth from my brothers for me to accomplish what God was calling for in my life. The ordination I received is not one that would allow me to pastor a church, nor perform certain ceremonies like weddings, but to proclaim the Gospel where ever God calls me to be whether at home, in ministry or in the marketplace and it is one that I accept and look forward to living out.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

### WEEKLY PRAYER & INTERCESSION

**TUES. JUNE 30th - WED. JULY 8th**

Dayton SHOP CLOSED - No Prayer Sets

**FRIDAY MORNINGS - 10am-11am**

Mommy & Me Prayer Set - Dayton SHOP

**TUESDAY AFTERNOONS - 4pm - 5pm**

Family Prayer Set - Dayton SHOP

**TUESDAY AFTERNOONS - 1pm-2pm**

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

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