

# The Crawford Family

## FAMILY UPDATES

Jacob Daniel Crawford II was born on June 28th, 2015 at 7:23am. He was 21.5 inches long and weighing in at 9lbs 12.8oz as the heaviest baby born in the family. Anna's labor went quickly (lasting only four hours) and was nearly painless. She fulfilled her desire to have an all-natural water birth—an experience that she declares to be one of the best of her life. Daniel has already passed many milestone events in a newborn's life. He smiles constantly, "talks" consistently, sleeps through the night, and has begun to blow bubbles. Keirsten is adjusting to her life as a big sister. She loves to talk and play with Daniel and helps change every diaper. Anna has fully recovered and is planning on running in the Sneakers to Stilettos 5K (a 5K that benefits Oasis House—an organization geared towards rehabilitating women involved in the sex trafficking industry) at the end of September.



## KIERSTEN'S FEEDS SOME VOLUNTEERS

In late July, Hope Church ordered several pallets of rubber mulch to fix up their playground area. They had about 10 volunteers come out on a Saturday morning to spread an unbelievable amount of rubber mulch. Kiersten got word of this and decided that it was her chance to serve them. She decided that she wanted to bring lunch to all the volunteers, so we quickly ran out and picked up burgers and fries for everyone. It is so encouraging to see Keirsten growing to have such a generous heart for all people.

A few weeks ago I was reading the Voice of the Martyrs magazine that informs Christians about the persecuted church all around the world. Keirsten saw the pictures of the families that had scars from being beaten for being Christians and asked what happened to them. I told her about the persecuted church and that there are many places in the world that hate Christians because we love Jesus and I told her that the pictures are of our brothers and sisters that never stop loving Jesus even when they are beaten and even killed. The next day at Mommy & Me prayer, Anna told me that when asked if anyone had something they wanted to pray about Keirsten answered first with a desire to pray for those who are hurt for Jesus. To this day hearing and thinking about what she did makes me tear up and well up with so much pride in her.

## Dayton SHOP

Over the summer we have been doing our Logos Studies through the Sermon on the Mount, which has led to some great discussion around what God has called us to be as Christians. One personal insight I received while studying Matthew 6:22-23 which says:

*"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness."*

While studying this passage I realized that the eyes become the lamps of the body when they are set on Christ. If our eyes are set on Christ it gives light to the rest of the body. I feel that many times as Christians we are trying to rid ourselves of sin, an honorable desire, however instead of relying on God to transform them they try to do it themselves.

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Instead of looking at Christ, the Light, they look at the sin, the darkness, in their lives and think *I need to get that out of my life*. But in what strength can we ever make darkness light? It is impossible for us to take darkness (sin) and turn it into light (righteousness) it is only by the grace of God and the transforming power of Holy Spirit that this is possible. We all have a level of sin or darkness within us, which is why we need Christ—the Light of the World—to come and bring light into our lives.

God showed me that if we keep our eyes on our sin we are looking at darkness and when we look at darkness all we will see is how dark it is, but if we look at light we receive hope because light removes darkness. Transformation from darkness to light happens in our lives when we set our eyes on the King of Kings, Jesus, The Light, and by looking at Him we become like Him because He lives in us. I love the saying what we behold we become because it is absolutely true. Let us look to the light that we would be filled with light becoming the light into a dark world.

## OneThing 2015

This year our family desires to attend IHOP-KC's, OneThing 2015 Conference. This conference is a time for young families and adults to gather together as one, for one purpose: growing deeper in Jesus. We view this as an opportunity for spiritual renewal, refreshing, and growth. Being leaders in the Church it is seldom that we get to simply sit and listen, this conference will give us that opportunity. The conference is at the end of the calendar year, lasting from December 28<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> where we will ring in the New Year with over 20,000 other followers' of Christ. We have estimated that the trip will cost around \$500 for travel, hotel, food, and parking. Please pray that the Lord provides for this trip in exponential ways. If you would like to give towards our trip please make checks out to Dayton SHOP and send to the address below. Please add a note or write on the envelope '**Crawford - OneThing**' to designate any giving specifically to the trip.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

### WEEKLY PRAYER & INTERCESSION

#### THURSDAYS - 9am to 5pm

@ Dayton SHOP join Jake in open prayer time

#### 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

### PARTNER FINANCIALLY

**Online Giving** - [www.jakedcrawford.com](http://www.jakedcrawford.com)

**OneThing Trip** - Make checks out to 'Dayton SHOP' and attach a note with '**Crawford - OneThing**' to designate the funds toward the trip.

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

4114 Mapleview Dr.  
Beavercreek, OH



Check out our website for even more updates!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayers that everyone would stay healthy and that Baby Daniel continues to grow strong in the Lord and in physical health
- Growth of Website Workbox, Jacob's business, for new leads and provision to provide fully for the family and ministry.
- God would give Jacob power and authority in prayer over the Oregon District where he is working out of an office and that He would protect him in ministering there.
- God would move in the Church to show people that they are called to be full-time Christians
- Praying for the unity of the Church in Dayton and for His guidance in the Love Dayton Movement.
- Prayer for Anna and the children as Anna goes back to nannying on August 17<sup>th</sup>