

# THE LANE FAMILY

## *Taking the Name of Jesus to the* DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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Dear praying friends,

November found us making several trips to St. Louis again. However, this time one was for a meeting!! We enjoyed our time with Lighthouse Baptist Church. It was truly a blessing to be a part of their worship services. We also had to make a trip for some follow up visits to the hospital. The doctors are pleased with Ezra's progress, and do not want to see us again until January.

### Obstacle or Opportunity?

Every situation we encounter can be viewed one of two ways. Is it an obstacle or an opportunity? I think it largely depends on our perspective. As I was preparing to leave St. Louis to head home, I was doing a pre-trip vehicle inspection as is my habit after many years on the truck dock. I noticed that the tread on my front driver side tire was separating from the sidewall. Since it is a 4 hour drive home from St. Louis, Teah and I decided to put it in the shop right away. Huge obstacle right? It gets better. They put the van up on the rack and discovered that the passenger side tire was worse on the inside. I had the mechanic check the alignment and found that the camber bolt on the passenger side was gone. It was just not there. So after 4 hours, two new tires, a camber bolt, and a new alignment we were back on the road. Obstacle right?

While I was with the mechanic Teah struck up a conversation with a lady named Lucy in the waiting room. After several minutes they discovered how much they had in common. Lucy also had a baby with health problems. After talking for several minutes we discovered that Lucy was a believer who had also recently suffered a miscarriage and is now pregnant again. Teah was able to pray with her and for her and the new baby. Opportunity! When Lucy left another older lady named Betty walked into the waiting room.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US:

- For Ezra's continued recovery.
- For Mischa Houston's recovery from colon cancer.
- For Lucy and a healthy pregnancy, and for Betty with the loss of her daughter.
- For Bro. Tim Long's health and recovery from surgery

She had just recently lost her daughter. She expressed her grief to my wife and I. We were able to pray with her and witness to her. Opportunity #2!

It is all how you look at it.

### Great Meetings!!

As I mentioned earlier we were blessed to be a part the worship services at Lighthouse Baptist in St. Louis. We were also blessed to be part of the mission conference at New Life Baptist Church in Willard, Mo. They were a huge blessing to us!! We reported back to our home church, Hillside Baptist on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of our ministry partners!!

### Words of Encouragement

Thanksgiving found us in the ER at Mercy hospital in Springfield. Ezra had a low grade fever with projectile vomiting and we could not seem to keep him hydrated. "In everything give thanks" has been a theme for our little family this year. Thanksgiving is not about turkey, or family gatherings, or football. It is about giving thanks to the Lord. It is his will for us to do so. We have learned to be truly grateful for doctors and nurses who have given their lives and their holidays to care for those of us who have serious health problems. Remember that this time of year is about remembering Christ and giving thanks to Him in everything.

Love Joshua, Teah, and Ezra



## Acts 4:12

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