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Digital Corner



Meta is under fire for using various features which made Facebook addictive. Features like infinite scrolling, extensive push notifications, autoplaying videos, and visible likes.

Though teens are especially vulnerable to social media addiction, adults are also susceptible. Facebook, Reddit, TikTok, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Instagram, and Pinterest are all examples of social media.

The average social media user in 2024 spent 143 minutes a day on it. Needless to say, most users should spend less time on these platforms!

One good way to reduce social media usage is by logging the time that you spend on it. Similar to counting calories when dieting, this both makes you aware of how much you are consuming—in scrolling time or in calories—as well as providing an incentive to avoid casual use.



Wisconsin Trip & Return

When I was teaching missionary kids in Bulgaria, I wrote many of my newsletters in the airport, throwing something together quickly to let people know that I was in the process of coming or going.

Though I'm not serving overseas anymore, I find myself sitting in another airport, writing a newsletter. But this time, the trip is to go visit my girlfriend and her family in Wisconsin!

Amanda says that everyone up there is just *dying* to meet me, so we have a number of meetings lined up with various friends of Amanda. There aren't a ton of other activities planned, so we'll mostly just be spending quality time together.

(As a reminder, this is just our second time together in the same location as a couple. The first was a few days in June.)

I'll send out an Irregular update via email at the end of my trip—also likely written in an airport.

What's going on at work?

In last month's newsletter, I wrote about how 63 laptops were donated to us, and I was trying to find people to take them overseas.

This issue

Visiting Amanda in Wisconsin

Still have laptops

Financial support check-in

Youth group retreat

All of the laptops are now refurbished, but we still have quite a few of them left in our storage room. If you or anyone you know is going to be traveling internationally and can take some laptops to a project overseas, please reach out to me.

The goal is to get these laptops out of our storeroom and into the hands of people who will use it to further the Great Commission.

On a separate front, my manager Jason handled the Lunch & Learn topic this month. He had lots of things to say on Digital Privacy, so this talk was a continuation of the one that he gave last month.

I'll be giving the next talk at the beginning of October. (And Amanda will be present for it in person!)

Raising Support

Thanks to some very generous friends, I am almost 90% funded!

Praise God!

When I began raising support last April, I thought that it would be a rather quick process, with how I jumped to 40% within just a couple of months. It has seemed like a much slower climb since then, but it's great to see how God has provided, just as I am about to stop drawing a paycheck.

Spiritual Thoughts

Fanny Crosby was a hymn writer in the 1800s and early 1900s. She was incredibly prolific, writing over 8,000 hymns including "Blessed Assurance," "To God Be the Glory," "Jesus is Calling," and "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior."

Fanny wrote hymns up until her death at 95 years old. She did this despite being blind from infancy.

She was not bitter about her blindness, viewing it as a deliberate act of divine providence. She said that God had closed her physical eyes so that her spiritual eyes would never be distracted by the superficial things of the world.

Her personal spiritual life reflected this. Fanny had memorized a number of books in the Bible and spent much time in prayer.

By keeping her vision fixed on eternity, Crosby left behind a rich spiritual legacy that continues to point millions toward the Savior she loved.



Sabine Creek

I have been volunteering with the local missionary kid youth group for the better part of a year now. Last weekend, we went on our annual fall retreat to a retreat center named Sabine Creek Ranch.

It was a blast to be able to hang out with those teens, get to know them better, and have direct spiritual input into their lives.

The overall theme of the weekend was finding your life in Christ. There was a focus on moving from an aspirational inclination to making practical changes in your life.

The teens weren't the only ones to be inspired! I also made a few changes to my own schedule to give me more time in my schedule for prayer and Bible reading.

Between lessons, there was plenty of time for fun and games, making it a pretty great weekend overall.

Prayer Points

I pray for my supporters, so please send me a message with anything that I can pray for. If it's been a few months, I would love an update as well!

Did you know?

The Vulgate says in Exodus 34 that Moses was "horned" rather than "shining," so medieval art often shows Moses with horns.

(Please do actually send me your own prayer points.)

For me, pray for...

- A good trip for me, and a good return with Amanda
- Amanda and I to honor God in our relationship
- Discernment about where Amanda and I are called to be long-term.
- People to take laptops overseas
- For the particular tasks in my work, and that devices would function as they should.
- Connections with small groups and individuals as I raise financial support.

Yours in Christ,
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