

# The Knobloch Report Fall/Winter '14

## “Purpose”



I don't fix things. I try. I really do. But for all of my “trying,” that which is broken often either stays broken or becomes more broken. I'm pretty sure that part of my problem could be summed up in the word *purpose*. Tools have a certain purpose. If I don't understand that purpose, I may end up misusing the tool in the wrong application or the wrong way. A hammer has a purpose different from a screwdriver. And try as I might (and I should), God's purpose for my life does not seem to be mechanical. That is a purpose with which He has blessed others.

While we are continuing to present our current series, “Light Up Your Life” (and will until next June), we are also well into our preparations for next year's series, “Monsters In Your Life.” If you have been with us for a long time, both of these titles may sound familiar to you. We've used them before! We are currently using a seven-year loop of material and, although these series receive updates and improvements, the core is the same.

As a family, *we are entering our 10<sup>th</sup> year of ministry with God's Helping Hands!* I could imagine someone in our position looking at their job and saying, “Hmm. Is this all there is? I've been doing this for 10 years, and I'm reusing material. Am I really fulfilling my purpose?” It's a valid question. At times we have asked it of ourselves.

But we are happy to say that we feel that we ARE fulfilling God's purpose for our lives! And looping material doesn't mean “boring” for us. For us, it means revisiting lessons from God's Word that are just as relevant for children (and us) as they were seven years ago! We may “spruce up” the “packaging,” but the gift of Truth on the inside is just as timeless as it always has been and always will be!

Not starting from scratch also allows for the exploration and development of new ideas – new ways we can spread the Gospel! Recently we had a very exciting board meeting (that's right, I said exciting!) in which we talked about new opportunities that may be within our reach! I am currently working on a new Christmas presentation to be ready for Christmas of 2015. We continue to produce our weekly podcast “*Off Hand: With Stephen and Lydia*” and are exploring ways in which we might expand into video as well as audio applications. New puppets are being made to replace those that need to “retire.” We are also looking at upgrades for some of our most outdated equipment so that we can more efficiently produce our updated material!

Of course, our bus project continues to move forward; and we project it to be road-ready by June of 2016! I know that seems like a long way off. But because my father-in-law (and vice-president of GHH), Jeff Awe, has to do most of the work himself AND maintain his other responsibilities, the timeline is very reasonable. I help as I can, but I will also refer you to the top of the page! We are very confident in God's timing and plan for us and the bus!

Looping back to revisit a former series also points out to us how we are in a different time of life than formerly. Neither of our children have any memory of this series but now they are old enough to help present it!



Kylie is a very smart 7-year-old. Her reading is out of this world! She is quite good at math, loves science and has a very creative mind. We have begun to regularly include her when we share music in concerts. She is a quick-study and can hold her part in a trio with Mom and Dad! But best of all, she has a real heart for God and people! We often hear her pray for the salvation of a friend or relative and she loves to ask questions to deepen her understanding of the Bible.

Elli, too, is eager to learn about God and His Word. Interacting with our own children is a constant reminder that children want to and can understand deep spiritual truths. A lot of what we present to other children begins with conversations we have had with one of our own! Elliana, at 4, is naturally a question-asker. But beyond that, she loves to *reason*. She wants to understand the why behind things--including the rather difficult concepts--and we are sometimes hard pressed to give her a satisfactory answer!



Before our girls were born, we asked God for strong-willed children. Yes. You read that right. And yes, we can hear the laughter of those of you who have already raised children! Sometimes we laugh at ourselves (after we stop crying)! But, believe it or not, we are still glad that God gave us what we asked for. This world is not getting any easier to live in and we believe our girls will need a strong will coupled with reliance on God to remain faithful to Him. But God, in His wisdom, seems to have gone beyond our request. He gave our strong-willed girls tender hearts for others! We are so thankful!

So you see? God is fulfilling His purpose in our lives! He's given us responsibilities in our every day life in which we can serve Him! Of course, that is what He does in the life of every believer. His purpose for our life is not more important or less important than His purpose for anyone else. Happy the person that knows God's purpose for them and does it!

We are daily aware that God supplies for our purpose through the love and generosity of others. We are so thankful!

As you pray for us, here are a few specific things we are placing before the Lord.

- Health Insurance: Like so many, we are trying to navigate these difficult choices. We seek His wisdom.
- Transportation: We have two mini-vans. The '99 has over 250,000 miles. The '05 has over 275,000 miles! They both have "issues." We are seeking the Lord's will and provision for a future vehicle.
- Support: As costs increase, so does our support need. God has never failed us – and He never will. We are praying for those the Lord may call to join our support team.
- Parenting: Prioritizing the family is a common struggle from which we are not immune! This is especially important as we home-educate our girls.
- Spiritual Health: Being in full-time missions doesn't make us any more spiritual than any other believer. We need prayer like any other member of the Body.



*Amber and her  
new niece*

We firmly believe God places importance on children. Frighteningly, so does Satan. The world is very eager to capture the hearts and minds of boys and girls. Massive amounts of money are poured into a myriad of things "for the children." Some are good; some are bad. It is our purpose to reach children with the ONLY THING that can give them salvation from sin, everlasting life in Heaven, and a life of joy here on earth.

Thanks for reading!

*Chris + Amber, Kylie + Elli ☺*

Chris and Amber Knobloch, Kylie and Elliana



*Merry Christmas!*