



# Ministry Updates

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## **Taste and See** ([Psalm 34:8](#))

"**Many hands** make light work" is probably a phrase all of us have used at one time or another. A noteworthy example of this principle occurs in the book of Nehemiah. **Many hands** divided the work of rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. Reading the names of specific families and the portion they built in Nehemiah 3 is fascinating. One particular verse struck Debbie today. Nehemiah 3:12 mentions daughters who helped their father, Shallum, mount a section of the wall. These women evidently possessed a skillset perhaps not typical of females of that epoch but which their father recognized and was happy to employ for the Lord's sake. From time to time, we all need reminders that our Father distributes talents to His children as He wills. Our preconceived notions of what kind of person can perform specific tasks may lead us to overlook capable people willing to serve!

## **Come and See** ([Psalm 66:5](#))



*Some helping hands*

**'Many hands'** from Cross Timbers Free Will Baptist Church gathered today along with us both at Debbie's father's home of two years to help sort through three storage areas and transfer many of his belongings to a central storage spot. Words feebly express our gratitude to around 15 people from the Paynes' Nashville church home who helped! What was accomplished in half a day was incredible. We were touched by the volunteers' age range and skill set. There were preteens, a teen, a pastor, a retired missionary, a couple in their seventies, and several people closer to our age. Men, women, boys, and girl used their talents and resources to bless Eddie unforgettably. Verlin and our firstborn continued the work until dark. Two other missionary couples and friends from the church assisted Debbie in the week in getting many

boxes ready to load. Today helped us see a peek of light at the end of the tunnel. We still have no housing solution, but keep praying!

## **Prayer and Praise**

- 🙏 Praise God for the powerful gift of community in the family of God that we believers enjoy! Ask the Lord to bless the friends who served Eddie so lovingly today. May we all be as aware and willing to use our time and skills to serve others.
  - 🙏 Continue to pray for a housing solution for Eddie in the Lord's time.
  - 🙏 Verlin has noticed that his umbilical hernia has continued to open more over the past few months. This is the site initiated by an appendectomy in 2021 and repaired 'for good' in 2022. Pray we find appropriate steps to find a surgeon who humbly performs his duties as requested to stitch a closure that can endure.
- Your partners in the Gospel,  
Verlin & Debbie

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