



The Blackburns

Mike, Leslie and Cameron

Hello from the Blackburns,

August/September 2024

We are so grateful for the mercy God showed us through the 9000+ miles that we put behind us during August and September. The time with family and friends was wonderful and we feel so very blessed to have had the opportunity to see each one before we move early next year.

To be brief, we left home on Wednesday, July 31st and were in three churches by the end of the weekend. We spent a few days with some of Mike's family then continued on to Idaho. We spent 10 days with Leslie's mom and on our way home we dropped in on another supporting church. We arrived home on August 23rd and spent that last week of August with doctor appointments and Mike's surgery on his right shoulder with the same procedure that he had on the left shoulder last November.

One week later, we left for a 2nd trip out west taking a more southerly route. We visited multiple churches, many family members and friends over the next 3 ½ weeks. Near the end, we had to slightly change our original plan of going to Hendersonville, North Carolina, to see our ministry partners, Robert and Jessica Murray since they are home on furlough. They had been stuck in Pigeon Forge during Hurricane Helene, but their detour home took them within an hour of our stop in Bristol, Tennessee. We decided to meet them along their route and stock up on a few relief supplies for the affected area in and around their home town. We drove to Rockwell, dropped the camper at our daughter's house and then took the truck load of supplies into western NC. The Murray's home had been without power for about 4 days so their loss was refrigerated/frozen food, but their family members in the area fared much worse as I'm sure you can imagine after watching the coverage of the devastation from that storm. It was a blessing and very reassuring to see many of the local churches set up as collection and distribution centers for donations to go to those who had no power, water or food, or shelter.

We have an amazing answer to prayer to share with you. Brother Murray helped us secure a house so we have one waiting for us in Santa Cruz!

We are familiar with the home and it will be exciting to skip the house-hunt, move right in and start making it our own.

We praise God for the protection He provided as we made those last family visits and enjoyed reconnecting with many friends along the way. We were also able to assist a couple of pastors in their desire to expose their people to the importance of world-wide mission efforts. We know seeds were planted and that decisions were made to be more focused on reaching souls for Christ.

Thank you for all your prayers!



View from the street



Front view inside the wall

Sincerely,

Mike, Leslie and Cameron Blackburn

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"...with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;" Philippians 1:27