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Siebring Newsletter



Our Newest Addition

As most of you know we welcomed the last member into our family this fall. Josiah Raymond Siebring was born on October twenty fourth two thousand and two. Josiah was born 7 weeks early due to complications in my pregnancy. I had a tear in my Uterus and if the doctors didn't perform an emergency c-section the very moment that they did there was a chance of losing Josiah and I from the complications. Josiah was only in the hospital for two weeks and was given a clean bill of health. Josiah is now six months old and doing great. He's such a wonderful addition to our family. Josiah is a tremendous blessing from the Lord. I know that God is going to do great things through. Just the time before his birth and his delivery itself are a testament of God's amazing grace and love. Josiah already has such a testimony and has reached so many people. I know

God will continue to use him to reach people for His glory!

and like to help take care of little Josiah.



A Full House

Elias and Gabriella just celebrated their birthdays together. Elias was three on April twenty fifth and Gabriella turned two on May seventh. The kids had a big party at Jokers. A kids inside amusement park. Elias and Gabriella both had a great time. It's hard to believe they are growing up so fast. Elias can sing all his A,B,C's and can count to 20. He loves to pray before we eat and before bed at night. Elias is growing into such a wonderful little boy. Gabriella is also just as precious as she can be and extremely smart for just being two years old. Gabby can count to 13 before getting her numbers mixed up she also loves to sing. Her favorite songs are the B.I.B.L.E. and Jesus loves me. Elias and Gabriella both love having a little brother



What's going on with M.A.F.?

I'm sure a lot of you are wondering if we are still planning to be missionaries with M.A.F.(Mission Aviation Fellowship) . Well, the answer is yes. We do still plan on serving with M.A.F. and we will begin very soon! We went out to M.A.F.'s head quarters in Redlands California in January. We were in California to do our technical candidacy with M.A.F. The technical candidacy consisted of us doing psychological exams and meeting with the mission board for some one on one interviews. Ray also had to show he was proficient in flight and mechanics. These test took two weeks and at the end of our time at the M.A.F. headquarters we were invited to come back on July eighth to start our non-technical candidacy. We will be in California for six weeks

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this time. After our first two weeks at M.A.F. we will be given our field assignment and sign all the forms to be on M.A.F.'s staff. Once our six weeks of training in California is completed, we will begin raising support. This will be the time we will get the opportunity to travel around to all of the churches we have attend in the past and see a lot of our old friends. We are really looking forward to that time. Once we have raised the funds we need for serving over seas, we will be sent out. We feel so blessed that God would count us worthy to go and share the gospel with those that have never heard. It's not going to be easy to leave everyone and everything familiar and go to a place where we could be persecuted for our faith but, we have all been called to suffer for the sake of the gospel. Jesus said for us to count it all joy when we are persecuted for his name sake. Things of this world don't matter, our very lives really don't matter. After all if we are Christians our lives are not our own anyway. All that really matters is to see souls come into the kingdom!



Graduation Day

Graduation Day really came for Ray last May . Ray had to leave Missouri before graduation though to start his job at the Portland airport. Since Ray never got to walk across and get his degree the college invited Ray to come down this May and walk across with his younger brother Gerritt. Both guys are very excited to be graduating together. They both got their degree in aviation science and have their flight instructors licenses also. I guess the love of aviation is in the blood! Most of the family will be together for the graduation so we will also have the opportunity to see all Ray's aunts ,uncles and Rays parents. It should be a good chance to catch up with everyone.



IN THE MEAN TIME

During our time here in Maine Ray and I have been very blessed

to have the opportunity to serve in our church. We began attending New Life Christian Fellowship in May of last year and have loved every moment of our time here. Ray and I worked with the childrens ministry for a while. Ray ushers and I sing on the worship team. We both have also had the opportunity to work with the youth. We have loved having the opportunity to pour out some of what God has poured into us over the years. We love the church and all our wonderful friends we have made here very much! God has blessed our time here in Maine more then I could have ever imagined. We have a beautiful house to live in, a chance to be close to family for a season and so many new friends. We will leave this place with wonderful memories that will last a life time. Though it will be very hard to leave this place. We know God has given a higher calling that we must answer.

We look forward with anticipation to see the great things God has planned for us in the coming year!



Personal Note