



Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
 Proverb 22:6

March 20, 2018

Dear Friend of Little Ones,



Wow!!! Sunday, we got the best news ever, a highlight in our many years as parents. Our first grandson, Brian Watkins, surrendered to Christ! He made a commitment as a child but wandered away. Brian said, "I figured I'd change some things in my life. I got so much going on and so much going my way, I had to thank Him and give Him my soul. He is the reason the things that have come up in my life have went the way they have. I'm thankful." Our daughter-in-law, Susan, and grandson, Aaron, were baptized last year. This means ALL our children are back in church and growing in Christ. What a blessing!

Helping kids know Jesus is our profession! To know that our own kids know and love Him is a reward and answer to LOTS of prayer. The enemy does not want our children to know Christ and it's a spiritual battle but Jesus won the battle for our kids on the cross!!!

We are honored to help ALL children know Christ. Phil and I LOVE going to the preschools and sharing the good news through songs, stories, fun, and repetition. Speaking of fun, we have two upcoming fun and exciting outreach events: Delacroix Hope Baptist Easter Fun Fest (this Saturday, March 24) and the St Bernard Parish Irish, Italian, Islenos, (iii) Parade (April 14). Our shoebox floats will actually be IN the parade!!!!



Thank YOU so much for blessing us so we can be a blessing to the little ones in Jesus name. Thank YOU so much for your prayers and support.

For the little ones,

Phil & Debbie Smith

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Prayer Request:

1. Praise for the open doors at local preschools:
 - New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Early Learning Center
 - Giggles Academy, Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, LA
 - First Baptist, Chalmette, LA
 - Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool
2. Praise for the Delacroix Hope Easter Fest and the children and families who came and heard the Gospel presented; plus received biblical resources (Pray for God's blessings and successful follow-up. Pray new families will join Delacroix Hope.)
3. Praise for the opportunity to participate in the iii parade, St Bernard parish.
4. Pray for healing and relief for the arthritis pain in Phil's ankle and our continued health.
5. Pray God will call new volunteers for preschool and after-school Good News Clubs
6. Pray for the success of the first-ever CEF® of Greater New Orleans Christian Youth in Action® Training (June 23-29)
 - Students to register
 - Needed funding
 - Ministry sites
7. Thank God for each of our donors and our board members: VP Bonita Harris, Treasurer David Dutton, Patrick Eagan, Dr. Paul Hussey, Larry Spooner, and Bob Wilkerson



In 2017, our children and grandchildren all attended Momentum Church in Pensacola, FL the day Aaron was baptized! Lft to rgt: Aaron, Brian, Susan, and Michael Watkins, Ethan Smith. Front, Brian's girlfriend, Jessica, and her daughter Maddi. Not pictured, our new daughter-in-law, Justina Abraham (Smith). We had ministry work in New Orleans and could not join them.



In February, we got together in Pigeon Forge with Justina's parents, Sarah and Abraham Varghese. They are founders of Gospel for India (<http://Gospel4India.org>) an amazing organization. Lord willing, we will join them soon on a mission trip to India! Lft to rgt: Phil, Debbie, Sarah, Justina, Abraham