



Hello!

We have been loving the warm weather this summer and the extra time outdoors. David Jr. is now running everywhere and is always curious to explore something new. He loves playing in the fountains at the park, running in the meadows, climbing the rocks, and chasing the birds. And when he's home, he loves to read books and dance to Beethoven!



Fourth of July in the park

A few months ago, David's babysitter said, "I think he was singing Beethoven." I had occasionally sang the opening lines of Beethoven's Fifth to him, and he learned to repeat them, but I didn't realize he could do it unprompted. He had never listened to the actual song, so we did. Later, I heard him singing it when he was suppose to be napping.

A lot of exciting things have been happening at Exilic, too. In January, God provided for us to finally, after eight years,



A spring day by Bow Bridge

move into our own space! In April, we celebrated Earth Day and raised \$63k as an Easter offering for to Hope for New York, a non-profit with whom we partner to care for those in need. In May, we welcomed 33 new members. And in July, we elected our first diaconate!



The Great Lawn in Central Park



David Jr. loved to eat from Grandma and Grandpa's raspberry bush!

In May, I graduated with a M.A. in Biblical Counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary. I've learned a lot the past three years, and I pray and trust that it will bear much fruit in the coming decades of ministry.

One of the things we are most excited to share is that we are getting closer to adopting! We have officially completed our home study, which means that we could adopt at any time, although we will likely be waiting for a year or longer.



Last week of the season party for one of my Community Groups

We would love for you to join us in our adoption journey! In addition to your prayer, one way you can join us is by giving to help with the cost of adoption. We are working with

an agency to adopt a newborn within the United States, and we expect to spend around \$65,000 to do so.

We would love if you would consider giving \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$100, \$20, or any amount. It all helps as we work toward welcoming a new child into our family. **You can learn more and give online here.**



David loves to run and explore outside!

Meifung and I have both had the desire to adopt before we met each other, and we're thrilled to now be so close. If you would like to hear more about our adoption journey, we would love to share more! Let us know, and we can find a time to get together in person or virtually.

Thank you for your friendship and support. I hope you have a wonderful, refreshing rest of your summer!

In Christ,