



INTERCESSORY MISSIONARIES

newsletter of matt & dana candler – may 2011

Dear Friends & Family,

Hello from your friends in Kansas City! We pray the Lord's grace upon your hearts and lives as we near the midpoint of this year of 2011!

Family Update

Big news from our family! We are expecting a new baby in October! Wow! We will officially be a family of SIX! Who would have thought? ☺ Please pray for the Lord's grace and wisdom as we continue in the holy (trembling) role of parenting and bringing forth little hearts, seeking to lead them into radical love for Jesus. **Maddie (6)** is loving Kindergarten and continually surprising us with her big-hearted compassion toward others and sensitivity towards Jesus. What a beauty her heart is. **David (4)** continues to be our superhero at heart — life and adventure at every turn. He is as affectionate as he is adventurous and we love him for it. And **Avila (20mo)** has become a vibrant, captivating, laughter-bringing treasure of discovery in these last several months. Every day she lets us in on new words and all the ideas going on in her head. What a joy!



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Dana is 21 weeks along!

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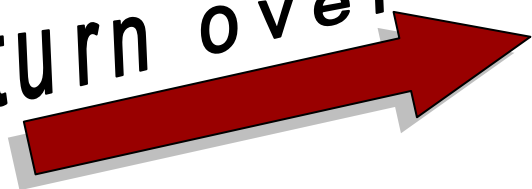


Ministry Update

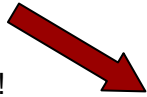
- In February, we traveled to Cincinnati, OH to help strengthen the Cincinnati House of Prayer. The conference was held at Mount Zion Church and was called "*Intimacy in the End Times.*" If you'd like, you can access the messages here: <http://www.mountzionchurch.org/sermondnloads.htm>.
- Dana also traveled in February to New Orleans, LA to speak at LifeHouse Church's women's conference called "*Found Ready.*" You can access her speaking sessions here: http://lifehousechurch.mypodcast.com/2011/02/Invitation_to_Love_Dana_Candler-347264.html.
- About a month ago, we returned from a trip to Colorado Springs where Matt coordinated a training week for some of the Forerunner School of Music (FMA) seniors at **theWall** Prayer Room (Ministry of *Every Home for Christ*). This was an excellent time of seeing many of them self- discover all that they've learned and grown in during their last few years as well as all that has taken root in their hearts.
- Meanwhile, on the Kansas City front, I have kept my heart and hands at our Music School (Forerunner School of Music), where I serve as Associate Director of Training. This last year I have discipled a group of 4th year young men (worship leaders, singers, and musicians) who just graduated last week! I am so proud of these men.



turn over



- We at FMA are greatly anticipating the completion of Phase II build out of our new IHOPU campus. All should be ready to go by the end of this summer!
- I recently just completed teaching a class on the *book of Psalms* at IHOPU this semester (see pic). It has been a challenging and invigorating time.



Rejoice with Us: 12 Years of Night & Day Prayer!

- Over **500 Full Time Students** in our Bible/Music School
- In the last year, **11,000 people have heard the Gospel** through face to face evangelism, **2,400** giving their lives to Jesus and over **1,000** baptized!
- ~**1million** following IHOP from 210 nations (including Antarctica!) via online web stream and resources.
- This summer we will host over **2,000** young people from **40 nations** in summer camps ranging from 1-6 weeks.



Thank You to our Friends and Ministry Supporters

Without friends and partners like you, we could not continue as we do in this vocation. For nearly 12 years, we have been given the great privilege of sowing our lives in intercession and prayer, works of justice, bible teaching, and discipleship at IHOP – a timeframe we would have had no foresight to comprehend when we started as a young married couple in 1999.

Thank you for your faithfulness. We so appreciate your support through prayer, fellowship and giving. We pray that God would bless you and your family abundantly in the summer months ahead with the gift of Himself and visit you with a greater measure of beholding His glory and love.

Prayer Requests:

- For the word of the LORD to run swiftly and be glorified in our lives (2 Thes 3).
- Continued breakthrough (gifts, fruit, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit) for the recently graduated 4th year FMA students.
- We are planning for a support raising time this summer. Please pray for divine meetings and an increase in prayer and financial covering.
- For continued strength and health for Dana and baby #4 throughout this pregnancy.
- That our 2004 Subaru Outback would sell. We need to purchase a minivan for our growing family.

Partnership \$ Opportunities

Some of you have expressed interest in knowing more detail about specific financial needs we have from time to time. Please join us in prayer for these provisions as well as consider partnering with us financially in one of these areas if the LORD stirs your heart:

- ~**\$1,000** of increased monthly support.
- ~**\$6,000** for delivery of baby #4.
- ~**\$1,500** for a new computer for Matt, his is on its last leg.
- ~**\$3,000** to add to the “minivan pot.”
- ~**\$800** for family summer vacation expenses.
- Most importantly, ask Jesus to give us His wisdom in managing our finances and an extravagant heart of generosity.

🕯️ Until Jesus Comes....and stays,

The Candles – Matt, Dana, Madison (6), David (4), Avila (20mo), and #4 (21 weeks)