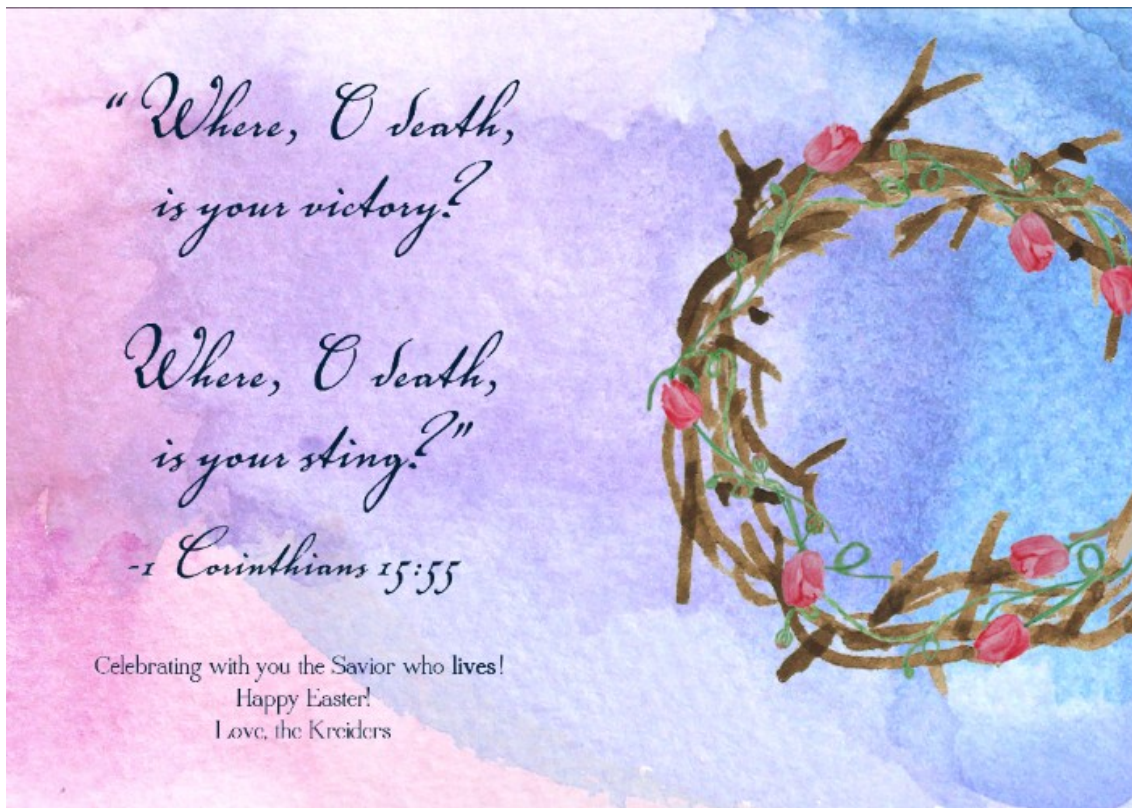


"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." – 2 Corinthians 5:20

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## Experiencing God's Love Anew

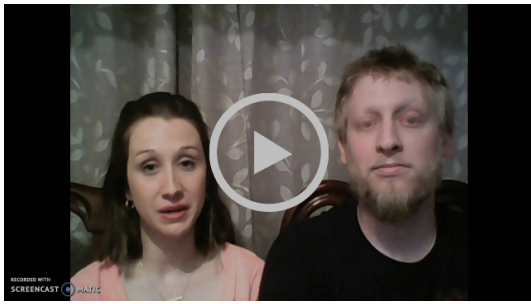
Many of you know that these past few months have been extremely difficult for me, Catalina, on a personal and spiritual level. The Lord has been gentle with me and pursued me after me when I told him that "I'm just sitting; I can't run

after you anymore. I need you to come get me if you want me." And time and time again, that's exactly what He's done. I have felt and experienced God's love in a new way, as I've been forced to deal with deeply hidden mistrusts of God that I didn't even know that I had. And this Easter holds special meaning for us as we understand on a more personal level Christ's death on the cross for us and His resurrection! So I'd like to share with you today the ways God has shown us His undeserved, never-ending love for us broken sinners.

- Over a year ago God provided an amazing marriage counselor for us. He knew, though we didn't, how much this counselor would play a role in helping me through these hard months and turning my eyes back to the love of Jesus. [Dr. David Anderson with Impacting People, LLC](#) has been a huge blessing to us.
- Through friends and family, He has demonstrated to me the love of the Body of Christ, as so many people have poured into us the past few months. Nobody shied away from the way I was feeling. So many people offered to help. Or just listen. Or look to Scripture with me.
- The Lord provided in tangible ways as people have stepped up to help us with painting and our garage sale and our move. Derek's parents, Mike and Char, have been a HUGE blessing to us, taking off a lot of the stress of maintaining a house and helping out with the kids so much.
- When we were questioning if Romania was even still an option, God provided. We are now at 80% support and heading to Belgium this summer for our final training! **THANK YOU, BODY OF CHRIST, FOR JOINING US IN SUPPORT OF HIS CALL ON OUR LIVES!**
- He died for us. He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey with people praising Him, yet He knew that He was walking toward His own torturous death. And the whole time, He was doing it because He loves me. Me. Derek. Elin and Atticus. And for all of those praising faces that would turn on him just days later and call for his crucifixion. I would have been one in the crowd, too. Yet He continued to walk toward His death and separation from the Father because He cares that deeply about me.

PLEASE PRAY...

- We have 5 more weeks of school. It is so easy to quickly look toward the next step, but we know that the Lord has called us to our teaching positions. Please pray with us that we would be able to focus on continually loving our students until the very last day the Lord puts them in our care.
- Please pray for us to get to 100% financial support - just \$1800 more of monthly pledges! We're so close!



With your help and under God's providence, we have raised the 80% necessary for going to our last required training this July in Belgium! **PRAISE THE LORD!!** Now we

need just \$1800 more of monthly pledges to get us to 100% so that we can actually move our family overseas.

Would you please prayerfully consider being a part of that last 20% to get us there? Please pray for the Lord to make it abundantly clear in the next two months how we should proceed. Pray that we are willing to give up our plans for His sovereign will, and that God would already be preparing us for what he has called us to in Romania.

**Join our Support Team by Pledging or Donating!**



**"My son and I have been praying for you since you visited our church last time. He is so excited to meet y'all officially during this visit because he calls you 'his missionaries.'" This conversation has been one of my favorites since support-raising began for us. Knowing that a 6th grade boy in Valdosta feels personally connected to us and knows that he is an integral part of our support team as a daily prayer warrior is wonderful. Prayer partners come in all shapes, sizes, colors, ages, and genders - just like the Kingdom of God! Please help us reach our goal of having 1,000 souls praying for us for the first 40 days of our time in Romania.**

**Join the 1000 / 40 for 40 Prayer Group!**

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

3/17/17 - [Not a Plan B](#) by Catalina

4/11/17 - [Let's Talk About Counseling](#) by Catalina

4/15/17 - [Happy Easter!](#) by Catalina

\* We are incredibly blessed to have our dear friend, [Katie Smith from Cotton Social](#), custom design the beautiful watercolor print and card that is featured at the beginning of this newsletter. She perfectly brought to life the emotions we have been feeling this Easter - of beauty springing forth from such pain and sorrow. Thank you, Katie - for your encouragement, friendship, and the way you use your talent for the glory of your King.



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