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May and June are always a blessing for Lori and I, all three of our kids were born in these two months. Our oldest, Chandler celebrated turning seven, Ethan is now five and Hailey will be one at the end of June. What a joy to be blessed with these young lives. We have not only celebrated our children's lives but also the lives of those who have come to faith in Jesus Christ.

In our last letter we wrote of Saylee accepting Christ and we were preparing for her baptism to take place on Mother's Day. It was a real joy to see her follow Christ in believer's baptism. She was raised in a foster home and the stories of God adopting us into His family had a great impact on her. It is exciting to see that she is already actively serving in our children's ministry. Her husband that was recently saved and baptized is also ministering in our worship team.



Our praise report does not stop there. Our next divine appointment started with a simple bottle of Dr. Pepper. One afternoon I was purchasing some groceries at our local store when the cashier accidentally included a Dr. Pepper in my purchase. I told the cashier that it was not mine but was compelled to leave the purchase on my tab and give it to the lady behind me. Little did I know that a simple act would start a dialogue about Lifepoint and in turn Becky, an employee of the store would become a member of our church and her daughter would accept Christ.

Later at that same store, Becky came across a young 18 year old boy named Tyler that had been kicked out of his home. Becky called and asked me if I could help, I was out of town but knew that our worship pastor, Matt Lee, was off work that day. Long story short,



for two months Tyler was a guest at the home of Matt and another church member, Jason. Both of these men and their wives shared the love of Christ not just in word but in deed. At first Tyler resisted the love of God because of the abuse he received from his biological dad. Due to his past, Tyler had been involved in drug and alcohol abuse and in turn spent many times in a variety of juvenile correction facilities. Before one of our services, Tyler told Matt that he could no longer resist the call to salvation and Tyler prayed to accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Tyler told me that accepting Jesus was the best high he had ever had! You will see in the picture Tyler being baptized by both Matt and Jason. Praise God!

In closing this report, I would like to share one last detail. You are probably aware of the devastating F5 tornado that destroyed a third of Joplin, MO on May 22nd and the loss of 141 lives. Our church is about an hour away and the Lord called on us to do something. We stepped out on faith to rent a 17 foot U-haul truck to park in our lot and receive donated relief for the people of Joplin. The Lord moved in a greater way than we expected, we filled the truck and had to move the items to another larger 28 foot truck. The Saturday after that terrible event, three of our church folks delivered 8,500 pounds of relief. I cannot describe to you what it was like to be there but can say that they are going to need much help for an extended amount of time. Our future plans are to deliver more supplies and return with more physical labor.



Serving Christ and His Church,
Pastor Mike Brinson