

The Family Wrys

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News Update

Whenever it is time to write one of these, I always try to figure out how I could use some other title for the letter rather than include the word 'wry'. This time around I googled the phrase 'wry in a positive sense' only to find that 'wry' and 'positive' aren't found together. I guess it was google's wry way of saying, yeah right! ...which caused me...yet again to think...I've got to get this last name changed. Something like 'Goodfella' or 'Trump' or something....:)

So here I go, crushed, yet again to be reminded of this sad heritage that was gifted me. Hey...wait a minute...it's not all bad! I'm reminded that I have been given a much greater gift. While truthfully I have no good of myself apart from the grace of God towards me and working through me, I'm reminded of 1 Corinthians when Paul states the following....

But by the grace of God

I am what I am,

and his grace to me

was not without effect.

No, I worked harder than all of them—

yet not I,

but the grace of God that was with me.

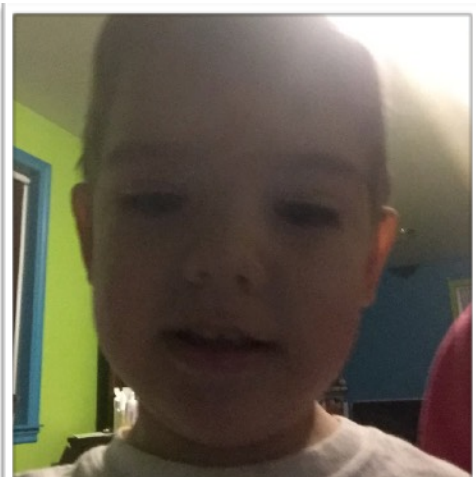
Let me highlight a couple things. First the phrase *"I am what I am"* as a result of His grace is a positional truth. I am by virtue of the fact that God has submerged me into His beloved Son Jesus. This is true whether I believe it or not. It is true of me forever.

The second highlight would be the phrase, *"yet not I"* which is in contrast to the grace of God with Paul. So it was God's grace that was motivating Paul to work 'harder than all of them' not his own religious fervor. Paul's identity was based on God's grace toward Him, this in turn was his motivation for what he did.

God does not need my 'goodness' in the mix. He desires my worship which comes from living in light of *"the grace of God that was with me"*. So, no matter what your last name might be- good or bad, just think....that's small potatoes compared to our true standing before our God who places us in a right position with Himself in order to be used by Him!

Jonathan is on his last mile. Literally he is joining track and hoping to

run like the wind. But metaphorically he is nearing the end of high school. He's got "leaving on my mind". I think possibly Nelly and I might sign up to take college courses so he isn't 'too far from home'.



Joshua takes a Selfie

Rachel on the other hand is just warming up to start her high school run. I have to say she is very excited about school or should I say about not doing homeschool. We have decided that she should go to high school in

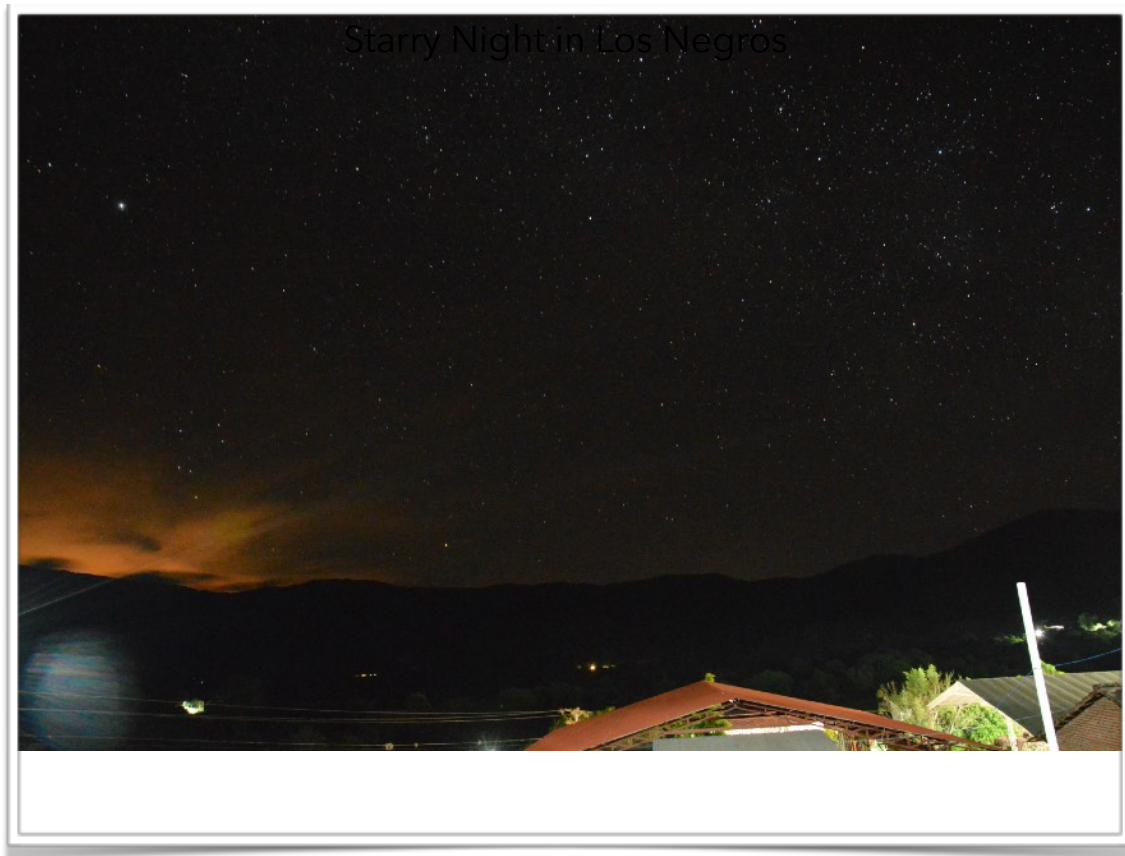
the fall.

Joshua or Wawter as he calls himself, is keeping Mommy, Dad, Jeejee and Ish pretty busy trying to catch him. He is doing a whole lot of running himself around the house. It is not rare to be invited by him to 'raish'. This is followed by kneeling at a line in the floor and running around the house for several laps.

Our last trip to Bolivia was a bundle of blessings due to a great time had in Cochabamba with Daniel Paredes and his family and fellowshipping around the Word. Later in the trip we went to Los Negros near Santa Cruz. Only this time we did not have Bret Nazworth (team leader) with us so we were forced to flow with the 'punches' and go with what we could. Bret was able to teach using Zoom over the internet which went well.



In July of this year our plan is to visit hold two conferences in Bolivia. Four days in Cochabamba teaching Romans 9-16 and one week in Los Negros teaching Ephesians. I am very excited in different ways about both of these conferences.



In Fact, in order to be better prepared, I have been holding a Bible study during the week on how to study the Bible using the book of Ephesians as an example. I have been seriously guilty of underestimating the importance of Ephesians! So many things are explained in this letter written by Paul to the believers in Ephesus.

As we move forward with DM2 in a direction unknown exactly at the moment, we ask for your prayers in the days, weeks, months ahead.

Your faithful support in prayer means so much to us. This has been the most important aspect of your working with us. This makes us feel as though we are a team together with you in ministry.

I should also mention that your financial support is also important to what we do since it frees us up to be in the ministry full-time. I feel like we have best support team in this regard as well.

You have been something we can count on throughout the years. There aren't words to describe how blessed we are.

I would love to chat over the phone sometime if you would like. You can contact me at the information given below.

May God continue to bless you in ways that only He can,

John & Nelly, JG, Rachel and Josh

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