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✧ Combined Service ✧

Being united in Christ as a spiritual fact is one thing, feeling that unity is another. Taking steps to maintain that unity is again a further aspect. We humans are, sadly, adept at breaking God's created unity. Reversing this trend is essential!

ONE WAY TO "FORCE" UNITY: BE TOGETHER

While that last statement looks obvious, "unity" and "being together" are not exact equivalents.

It is possible for folks to be united in the purpose of saving souls, but never want to be in each other's company. One of the things we're learning is overcoming our sinful flesh responses in favor of God's ways--being more spiritual. God wants us to learn to get along. Also, we're learning the value of being together, of community--there are surprising lessons. For instance, we're not as

capable by ourselves as we might think--I need you! The whole is indeed greater than the sum total of

all the individual parts--I am blessed by you! We have a purpose in others' lives--I bless you! It is not for nothing that God requires us to

get together, for He is able to accomplish much in and through us in this way. Let us not give up meeting together; indeed let us encourage it, even expect it. Regular combined services are good!



A New Creation!

Ethan was determined to be baptized so that he can "get into heaven," and so on November 13, one day before Cohen's birthday, Ethan was born again, "from above." Please pray for this sensitive soul as he grows with his Lord. We are praying that he would live up to his name, that he would be "firm" and "steadfast" in the faith.



And along came Katelyn!

Parents who have had more than one kid know that they are all different . . .

We've never had this before, though! She was happily playing here, flushing the paper down the toilet. A few days later we found her sitting in the kitchen sink, water and all, playing with the items in there. She'd pushed a chair closer to be able to get up into the sink. As with all toddlers, the warning

sign to look for is silence--if you can't hear 'em, they're up to something! May God help us to deal with her next adventure!





Ministry Snippets

The various ministries the Cullies--and, by extension, all our supporters--are involved in are continuing well. In the Wingfield camp the opportunities remain great because of the intense need, but the work is also tough because of the degree of brokenness.

Outsiders are viewed with suspicion--a legacy of past hurts. Our long-time involvement there is thus absolutely necessary. Just sharing is incredibly difficult when mere survival is always on their minds. Please pray for their growth in this area.

The church at Mark & Gail's home, along with Mitchells' Mission's ministry, is also growing and maturing. Learning to work together has been a recent development. This is significant, since most of the folks lived individual lives, either trying to

survive on the streets or else to pursue addictive habits (or both). Trusting others enough to serve them is hard ("I'll be taken advantage of . . ."). Sharing meals turns out to be a useful way to practice unity (and, for these folks, it is a sure measure of growth).

**CRAZY
CULLI
DATES**

DEC 9
end of school
year (yeah!!)

DEC 23
Meg's 15
birthday

DEC 24/25
Santa gets
stuck in our
chimney

DEC 31
Impossible:
end of year
already!

Meg's Early Party

A Mongolian braai (basically a stir-fry) and a 'cake' consisting of meringue, caramel, cream, and strawberries brought the family and a few friends together for Meg's 15 party.



Feeding Kids

Melvin and Elizabeth provide food every week for Wingfield camp, and do so out of their poverty! This ensures the kids eat well twice a week, although the parents do their best, looking after their kids well, considering their

difficult circumstances.

Early Thanksgiving

The Culli's love so many things we picked up in America. Keeping those traditions going for our Americans in the family is important to us, but also fun! Sometimes it might be more for us parents than the kids!



Milestones

Reaching 50 is a significant milestone. What is special about Mark's (a.k.a. Mitch) is that he, by his own admission, should never have lived this long. But God has a plan for Mitch, as He does for all of us! Reach the heaven milestone!

