



Zach & Cassandra BROWN

*My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared for all
people to see.*

*He is a light that will reveal
salvation to the nations
and bring glory to your people
Israel.*

SIMEON, LUKE 2:30-32, NAMES OF GOD BIBLE

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WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

Most of you know that this move to Oregon has been both wonderful and difficult for us all. Isabeau has joined the robotics club and has been cast in her school play (check our Epistle updates for details and proud parent photos). Her senior year is already almost halfway over, and our hearts are rather tender at the thought of her being an adult. The boys find adventure wherever they are, and Arago has no shortage. Most afternoons you can find them escaping from school out into the rainy pasture where they have built multiple forts, befriended our foster-cow Darla Jean, and climbed every log, fence, and tree, ad nauseum. Our garden continues to hang on despite the rain and cold that has overcome us, and there seems to be no shortage of tomatoes to can and gifts of fresh apples or pears to preserve from our neighbors. Our pantry is full, and our hearts are, too.

Arago Community Church has been such a blessed stop on this journey to wherever Cadence sends us. We have had

many special opportunities to participate in ministries that are dear to us.

One of our favorite things we have done this year was to lead a Bible study out of our home. The goal was to model and to disciple others in practicing hospitality—to bring a little bit of the Cadence mission right here into this dear part of Oregon. As we close our study this week, we will be meeting in a third home—we’ve had three families, stepping out in faithful, Christ-like obedience to host others with loving generosity. Some have never hosted anything like this! Our hope is that it will continue, and they will then go on to teach others the joy of biblical hospitality.

These weekly dinners have given us a renewed longing to get where we are going, even as we so blissfully enjoy the company of these amazing people. And, as you will read on the other side of this newsletter, we have some big goals ahead of us. . .



WHERE WE ARE

Our news as we send this letter out to you is that we have a launch date! With that date comes a new set of goals, maybe even more ambitious than our last, but we have watched God do incredible things these past few months. In just a few short weeks, at our moment of deepest doubt, God has provided us with a monthly increase greater than 20%! We are now over 50% funded!

This year has been the year of prayer and provision. God has moved mountains as He has strategically placed us right where He wanted us to pour ourselves out. We have been so needy, so broken open, so overspent and tired, and yet, somehow, God has seen us through. We have made some wonderful memories here. We have always had more than enough—to give, serve, and enjoy. Even when we had nothing on our own, God made a way.

Our aim has been to serve and to strive for whatever God has planned. There have been many moments this year where we have questioned if we were heading in the right direction, and there have been gut-wrenching periods of silence and doubt. We have stayed the course, and at the perfect times, God has intervened and made His will known to us in the ways He has provided. This has been a year of sleepless

nights, of loneliness, of change; yet through it all, we have been held and cared for by a loving and gentle Father.

We have a lofty set of goals ahead, but we also see God moving in spectacular ways through your faithfulness! It is our hope that God will move in providing us with another 17% of our monthly support by the end of this year, and that we will replenish our reserve fund as well as raise enough in special gifts to have a full launch fund of \$35,000.

We pray that you will be surrounded by those you love this holiday season, that you will see much to be grateful for this Thanksgiving, and that your Christmas overflows with joy! We know the chaos and mixed emotions that come along with the holidays, and we are praying for peace and comfort for you and your families. And most of all, that you hold on to hope.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

With deepest affections,
The Brown Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for complete healing of Casper, that his cancer would be gone, that his body would heal quickly from the treatments, that he would continue to hold on to hope in the Lord
- Pray for fulfillment of our support raising goals
- Pray for my (Cassandra) Aunt Carol to be healed of cancer, and for strength and hope as she continues treatment
- Pray for our family to be strengthened and upheld to trust in God’s timing and provision



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