

Greetings in the very merry month of May!

I love warm weather! Ask anyone in my family and they will tell you that as the weather gets warm enough, you may find me out in the sun on our south-facing front porch soaking it in and enjoying our spring flowers, blue skies, and birds singing. After a beautiful warm April, the beginning of May has started out a little cool, but the **hope** for warmer weather carries me through. I know that summer will soon be here. Even as I write this, I know that **hope** for eternal life in the presence of God Himself carries me through every trial in this life. As a family, we have recently been memorizing passages that share that very hope:

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” 2 Cor.4: 17-18 NKJV

Alongside my husband, memorizing Scripture together and sharing the big life lessons all throughout God’s Word with my children is one of my favorite blessings of being a mother. Motherhood is a stewardship that brings great joy, great struggles, and great growth in the heart of a Christian mother who is “trusting in the Lord with all her heart” (Pr.3:5). So, as we celebrate Mother’s Day this month, cherish the children whom the Lord has entrusted to you. And if you’re struggling to become a mother, or have experienced great loss, just know that the Lord is near those of a broken heart and has great growth and joy in store for you too (Ps.34:18; Rom.5:3-5)!

At Grace Family Ministries we delight to minister to families to encourage everyone in the family...including moms. You have such an important job! You’re not JUST a mom, you’re the nurse, dietitian, teacher, counselor, referee, chauffeur, chef, not to mention COO of your family “corporation”. And there’s probably more! Conversations around the family table can be so important! This is why Chuck Swindoll said, “This is where the world makes up its mind.” So, embrace the great calling that God has put on your life as a mom!

After spending a good amount of time in New Jersey the first three months of the year, we settled in again at our home base in Indy in April. We hosted a special night at our local church with music and information to help spread our mission along with serving at a couple of churches. Going into May, we are grateful for a church visit, some pulpit supply, but also a trip toward the end of the month out to Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey to minister at churches. Moving into conference and camp season, we will be preparing for teaching and preaching at these events as well as continuing writing projects and acquiring resources for our ministry display to help equip the saints.

We ask that you continue to pray with us for vision, provision, safety in travels and that the Lord would bear fruit from our labors. Thank you to all who donated to help with our extra expenses for our transmission. We are so thankful to the Lord for you! He is a mighty God we serve!

Thanking the Lord for Godly Moms,

Lori (For all of us at Grace Family Ministries)

P.S. As we also celebrate Memorial Day this month, we’re thankful to God for all who have served our country!