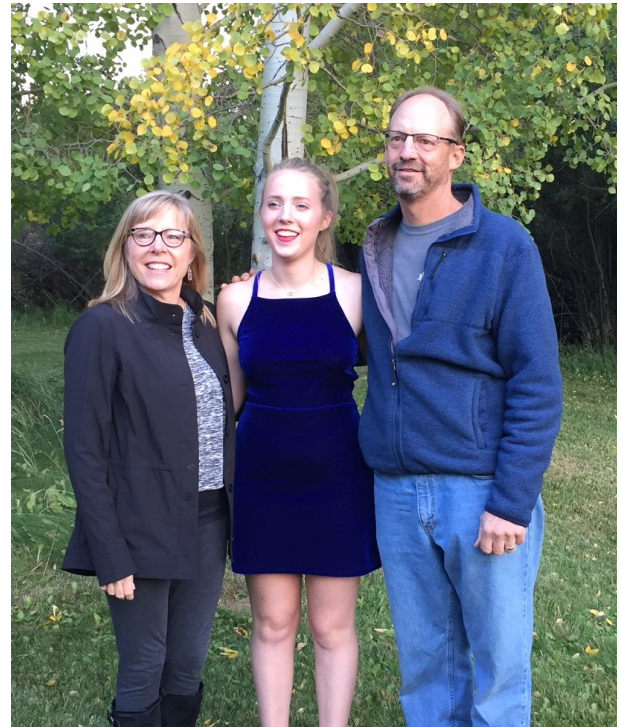


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*Katie getting ready for her senior year Homecoming Dance. Andrew with three MK friends he has known for years. They reunited at CRU's Rocky Mountain Getaway Conference in Estes Park.*

Fall also brings a change to our schedules. MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) began in Sept. This means Annette pours a lot of time into mentoring these moms. Along with that, her bible study kicked off again with about 20 women attending. We are thankful for the impact God is having on these women through Annette!

## Hunting with a purpose

The fall also brings back some opportunities to minister to folks through other activities. I continue to partner with Hunt of a Lifetime Foundation to take kids hunting who have a life-threatening disease or illness. There is no way to duplicate the impact God has on a young man and his father when you get a whole week to spend with them. The hunt is just the avenue to spend some quality time together and harvesting an elk like this one is the “cherry on top!” This was a dream for Jamie and his dad. We had great fellowship and prayer times together as well as being able to witness to a few others that accompanied us on this hunt!



*Jamie is 15 and has Muscular Dystrophy, but this brought a huge smile to his face....and to mine!*

## Back to Iraq!



Next month, we will be heading back to Iraq for our 6th visit. We have grown to love the Samaritan's Purse staff there and love speaking to their hearts at these retreats. Kate will be joining us again to help with childcare so both parents can take part more fully. What a blessing to have our daughter join us again. Also, this year we have a worship leader going with us. Thad leads worship at a church in Chicago and volunteered to go with us! How awesome!

Our focus, as always, is to bring refreshment to those serving in Iraq and help them continue to minister from a place of fullness! Our theme this year will be on Identity: Identity Given, Identity Stolen and Identity Restored!

We have a prayer request/challenge in front of us right now though. The day after we purchased our tickets, the Iraqi Government closed the airports to all international flights. Many of the SP staff have been evacuated to Greece. So, please join us in praying for them and their quick return to Iraq and the work there, and for this to be resolved before we leave!

*We thank God for each of you and your partnership with us and BHM. We could never do this without you!*

### Prayer and Praises

**Praise God** for the way He brings pastors and missionaries to us for refreshment and for providing a safe place.

**We Praise** God for each of you and are grateful for how you bless us so we can bless others.

**Please pray for** Jamie and his family as they deal with Muscular Dystrophy and the challenges ahead, and for them to trust God through every step.

**Please pray** for Annette and I to walk humbly and intimately with the Lord each day and listen to his voice.

**Pray** for us to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, have discernment and be safe people for the variety of folks that come our way as well as the ones we travel to see.

**Praise God for** Thad who is joining us to go to Iraq and lead our praise and worship through music!

**Please pray for** Andrew and Kate as they start their school years. Pray for them to be lights in the classrooms, on campus and for God's protection and provision for them!

**We Praise God** for the way He provides for us and this ministry through so many people like you!

**Please Pray** for the pastors who we continue to coach from a distance. It is always harder to do this by phone!

Serving Him by helping people  
take their next step,  
**Spencer, Annette, Andrew and  
Kate**