

HAAS STORYBOARD

LITTLE THINGS THAT MEAN SO MUCH



A few of our guests on Resurrection Sunday.

We can feel disconnected from field ministry if we haven't traveled in a while. So we intentionally take opportunities to share the good news of Jesus right in our neighborhood. Sometimes it's a conversation with a neighbor while helping them with something. We have had several knocks on our door from Mormon missionaries and love to invite them in to talk. It is tempting to pull out superior arguments showing them how wrong it is to try to earn salvation through works (having the right kind of baptism, joining their church "because all others are false", etc.). What we hope for is to ask good questions they will ponder long after they've forgotten our meeting. Also, as someone wisely said, "We can't argue people into heaven, we can only love them there."

Continuing a tradition from South Africa, for Easter we invited people to join us for dinner who can't be with family on the holiday. Among the 13 who dropped by were folks from Japan, South Africa and neighbors from across the street. One neighbor later said, "That was the first time in 20 years I haven't spent Easter alone."

We hadn't taken time just for ourselves in a couple years so Holly booked an Airbnb in Asheville for a weekend, and we had long conversations about plans for the future while relaxing in the mountains. It was restful, rejuvenating and helped us start to sort out some communication problems we've been having as a couple.



Holly at a massive fireplace at the Grove Park Inn. We enjoyed a delicious brunch at one of their restaurants.



Andrew led staff in half a dozen TWR departments through Bible storying.

After weeks of preparation, Andrew led an April storyteller workshop for MOTION coworkers and other TWR departments. The new lead pastor of our local church and two co-pastors also attended. Not only did many find the training experience helpful, there have been changes in the Sunday sermons!

Andrew's mom and dad drove down for his birthday and spent almost a week with us at the end of May. Not to be left out, by the time you read this, Holly's parents will have spent a day or two with us near the end of June.

TWR MOTION has two interns again this summer offering opportunities to build into students eager to explore ministry during their education. They are helping build websites and film a listener testimony.

Holly has been busy training the three missionary couples going overseas long term from our local church later this year. Under her guidance they completed stateside team building training.

Meanwhile we had 15 members from our church do a one-week missions outreach to Tijuana, Mexico, so Holly trained them how to raise support and prepare for international ministry. Andrew also spent several hours on Memorial Day giving a short version of the story workshop to our missionary couples about to go to South Asia.

We appreciate your prayers as we travel this summer.

- June 29 - July 9 is family vacation in Maryland and Pennsylvania as well as appointments at churches both Sundays ([The MACC](#) June 30 and [Breezewood Lighthouse](#) July 7).
- July 14 - 18 the MOTION team travels to Louisville, Kentucky, for a training event with our North African church planting partners.



Visiting the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte with Linda and Louie Haas.

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