

# Dunford Family Ministries



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## Debits and Credits

1 Corinthians 13:5 NAS

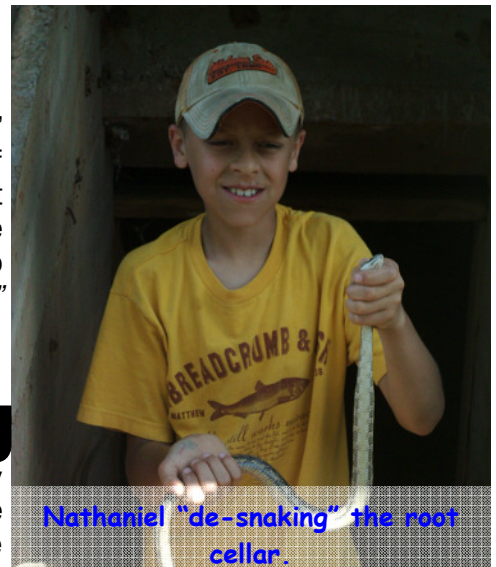
**(Love) does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered...**

**A**t times, I struggle with things of the past. These happenings have to do with things that were done TO me by others. I tend to compare life events to “debits” and “credits.” And that’s fine on the *credit* side, but when I run into a *debit*, it can really mess me up. As a Christ-follower, I am instructed to forgive. In a sense, this means to “erase the debt” of kindness or respect owed to me. I confess, this requires my utmost attention and most sincere effort. So often I’ve found myself with a stack of “UOMe’s” against people (including my family) who’ve hurt me, even though I’m very much aware of our Master’s command (Matthew 6:15 says that He can’t forgive us if we don’t forgive others). So what do you do? Since the Christian life can also be defined as a *walk of faith*, I think we have to forgive *by faith*, too. I must have faith in the One Who saved ME and forgave ME to help me *cast the wrongs done to me* into the “sea of forgetfulness.” So I daily lay these burdens at His feet and cry for mercy for the times I’ve wronged others. Hurts and offenses are real, but they will also suck the life right out of you if you let them fester.

Forgiveness is the only “surgery” designed to repair the wounds of wrongs done to us. It is in our best interest to give them to the One Who loves most and let Him help us zero out all our “UOMe” accounts for good.

## Country Living

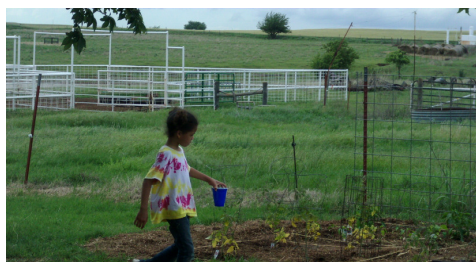
**F**or some time now, Our family has desired to do a little “homesteading.” Not only did we want to give our children the benefits of growing our own food and interacting with nature, we wanted to experience some more of the blessed quiet that the country affords. So, the first week in May, we moved to the “Home Place.” Strategically located off the beaten path in Custer City, OK, this little spot has been a part of Jennifer’s family for close to a hundred years. Amidst daily chores, ministry and occasionally getting to help Papa with the cattle and wheat operation, we always find time to enjoy the surroundings. Here’s just a few pics of our life in our new neck of the woods!



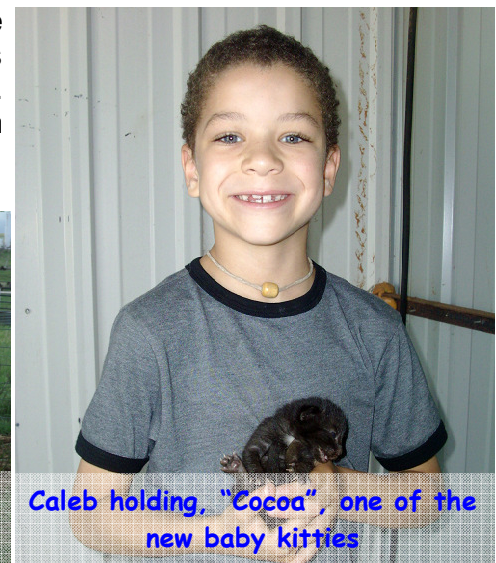
Nathaniel “de-snaking” the root cellar.



Ben and Phoebe



Esther watering the garden a cup at a time!



Caleb holding, “Cocoa”, one of the new baby kitties



# Making The World



## A Better Place Together

The last couple of months have been wonderful, fast, and furious! Since early March, we have been making preparations to move to the farm. At the same time, we continued to serve wherever and whenever opportunity arose.

The first Sunday in April, we shared a message at Grace World Outreach Center in Enid. It was Easter and a great time of fellowship. The following Sunday, we were privileged to share in word and special music at Grayson Missionary Baptist Church of Enid.

On May 18, we exceeded the annual Northwest Oklahoma FCA Banquet in Enid. What an awesome evening. Justin Jackson is the field representative in northwest Oklahoma and he was joined by a large majority of the Oklahoma FCA staff statewide. The special guest this year was Landry Jones, quarterback for the Oklahoma Sooners. The Banquet serves as the main fundraising effort for the year, so exceeding this year's goal of \$30,000 was really exciting. Thank God for all who helped make it happen. The last week of May, I was honored to serve as the Chaplain for the Oklahoma Senate. What an honor to serve the last week of their session with so many committed people. A big thank you goes to Senator Patrick Anderson of Enid for the recommendation and for such wonderful hospitality towards our family. *For all of you who pray for us and financially contribute to the work we do, God Bless You! You are the reason we can be a blessing and serve as a bridge for so many people in so many ways! We love you!*

and the congregation made our first visit as an entire family an awesome experience. Chapel at Oklahoma Bible Academy is always a delight and in April, we were invited once again. Our hats off to Paul McDonald and all the faculty for the great job they do; what a fabulous bunch of young men and women!



Also, in April we participated in Longfellow Junior High's Honor Society Induction. For more than ten years, Principal Ron Few and his staff have cordially allowed us to come alongside and encourage their students and for that, we are grateful.

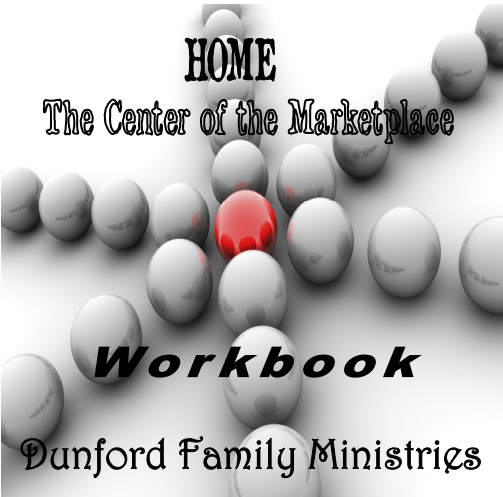
The first week of May, we celebrated 20 years of ministry with Mike and Connie Hays. The Britton Christian Church family kept it a secret to the very end. Our part was singing "Thank You" as a tribute for all Mike and Connie have given for so many over the years.

In between BCC and the wedding of Shane



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