



MASH Ministries - Phelps Family Update May 2024

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It's hard to believe that the summer is upon us. These last several months have been busy for ministry and for the family. Thank you for the part you have played in our ministry to helping veterans and first responders who are struggling with Post Traumatic Stress.

Paul has been a part of several speaking engagements in Michigan and Indiana. Paul was also asked to be a part of a mental health panel. The mental health panel was very well received. Several questions were asked on what the Bible has to say about mental health. Questions were submitted ahead of time and a proctor asked the panel the questions that had been submitted. Being a chaplain and on the panel, several questions were directed my way. There were several veterans and first responders that were in attendance that Paul had a chance to talk to. Several didn't know that MASH was available to them. We look forward to working with them. During the panel discussion, there was a power failure during one of the main points which led to some laughs and slight adjustments for the rest of the discussion.

On April 30th, MASH held another snack drive. There were about 150 in attendance to help pack the baskets. Thanks to American Family Insurance for sponsoring this event. We were able to pack the baskets at the Colts Training facility in Indianapolis. We were able to make 111 baskets, 6 of them being for the K-9 first responders. These 111 baskets were then distributed to the various police and fire departments across the state of Indiana. Last year, we were only able to make 36 baskets. We were able to triple the number of baskets we made last year thanks to the generosity of donors and family within our church and another mission agency that received a huge donation. We are anxiously awaiting to hear from the departments that received the baskets. We have connections to the departments that received them last year and it is still talked about today.

Unfortunately, this year, MASH is unable to host the MASH Memorial 5k in Carmel. There were some last-minute third party changes and cost changes from previous years that we have been able to host this event. Not having this event did hurt us financially. We are hoping to add more support to offset the funds that MASH didn't receive. Funds from these fundraisers help us be able to reach first responders and veterans.

In just a couple short weeks, we will head to Colorado for chaplain training. We are excited for the time together as a family and the training that is upcoming so that we can reach more veterans and first responders that are struggling.

We are excited for another community event that we are hosting in August. This year our golf outing will be Tuesday August 27th at Woodwind Golf Course in Westfield. Please pray with us as we continue to plan this event.

This fall is already going to be a busy one with speaking engagements in various states. Please pray with us for these upcoming events.

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Here is a quick update on the family. The girls are keeping us busy in their various activities. Alyssa will be a freshman in high school this fall which doesn't seem possible. She continues to play the clarinet and loves it. She had her recital on Friday night and did well! She is continuing to develop a love for photography. This spring, she decided to try something out of her comfort zone...speech. She memorized a speech and entered in the middle school FABA where she performed her speech in front of her peers and others in middle school in our Christian school association. Anna loves to keep us on our toes with all the growth she done over the last couple years. Because of this growth, these last few months have been challenging for her physically. She has had considerable amount of pain because of the growth. We have seen numerous doctors for appointments, bloodwork and x-rays. They have given her a general term for the pain due to fast growth. Pray that her tendons and muscles strengthen and that they will be able to handle the growth. Anna will be in 6th grade this fall and is excited to learn more about photography and recently got her braces off for phase I. Alex and Ava are doing well and growing up too quickly as well. They will be in third grade this fall and are ready for summer break. Sarah just started running this past November and has completed two 5ks so far and is enjoying this new hobby.





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