

Wilmeth Wire #004 – 12.18.2018

The following is a transcript of the Audio Wilmeth Wire #4 (with some minor editing for readability).

Hey everybody! Great to be able to come back to you again and give you another update as to what's been going on with the Wilmeths here in Ohio.

The first thing I want to share with you is the financial need that came up that has already been met. Back when Bennington Baptist Church closed in 2015, the gracious church folks voted to continue supporting my family for

three years. They set money aside to continue to do that. Well, that, if you can do the math, ran out this year, and so at the fall Council meetings I shared that and said that there's a sizeable amount that we are going to have to make up and figure out how to provide. God has been so gracious to our family. He provided and has given us reserves as a cushion, and I told the men of the Council we will use that cushion, and we have a while to see how we can supply this need and see what God's going to do. By the end of that Council meeting, the Council talked together and decided that as a Council, they wanted to make up that need. So they increased giving from the budget here at BCP to make up the difference of that so that we don't have to eat into those savings that God has provided quite as quickly. It's just an amazing feeling to see God work and to see Him provide, so we are rejoicing in the Lord for providing for that. We are still underfunded as far as all the numbers go but that cushion continues to get used slowly for that need. So eventually we will have a need to raise support and see what God will do to accomplish that. But for right now it was such a blessing to have the Council come along and say, "Hey, we want to take care of that." So we are rejoicing in the Lord for that.

A couple of things that I've been working on here in the office at Baptist Church Planters is 1) not a very exciting thing, but I've become very accustomed with our policies and procedures, our Handbook, our Constitution, how we do things, and because of that I then get all the work to adjust them or make sure we are working according to them which is a good thing to have in the office within the mission. But I am currently working on all of our policies and procedures to make sure that they are written such that we can help the whole Church fulfill the whole Great Commission. At BCP we seek to facilitate churches to completely do what God has called them to do, and so we are trying to update some of the language in the policies and procedures to make sure that we can accomplish that appropriately without getting off-mission as to why God put us here. Not a super-fun job for a lot of people to work on those policies, but I am combing through them and enjoying, for the most part, figuring that out and working together with some others on that.

I've been able to be working on some graphics and some layout of materials. Our Youth Ministries director, Chip Wood, has been writing and putting together Teen Expeditions, which is a lesson series for youth groups. We currently have the first three volumes out, and I was able to do the layout for Volume 3, doing a lot of the graphics and the layout of the books for that, and we put that out earlier this fall.



The graphic features a family photo of Eric, Jacy, and their four children. To the right of the photo is a text box with the following content:

Facilitating the process
for churches and their
sent missionaries to plant
or revitalize churches
in North America.

Eric & Jacy
Faith - 15
Adam - 12
Ethan - 10
Asher - 5

Eric is serving as the
Vice President of Operations
at the BCP Service Center
in Grafton, Ohio

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Then I was able to go back and adjust some of the layout for Volume 1. I came into the process after Volume 1 was already done and out the door, and we wanted to go back and make Volume 1 look like the couple that I have been working on. So I had the recently had the opportunity to get that layout work done. Now we are in the process of moving all the information into that layout. So if you are looking for something for a youth group to do, I would recommend taking a look at the Teen Expeditions material, especially Volume 1 once we get that out the door. It's been fun to be able to work on that.

I've been having to meet some tech needs here in the office as well. I often have said that I did not come to the home office to be the tech support or to be the tech guy, but when all of a sudden a fire comes up, I'm the one who gets called for it, and there's been some different needs that have popped up, and we have a great IT company who we work with, so it's a lot of me seeing if it's a quick thing or calling them and bringing them in. They have done a good job coming in and fixing things and helping to facilitate the process of us to getting the tech figured out. That's just another thing that I manage and take care of here and there as well.

There are so many different tasks. I often am asked by either Jacy or the kids, "So what are you doing today when you go to work?" and I'll say, "Well, I think I'm going to be doing this," and then when I show up and actually do what I do, it doesn't always line up with what I thought I was going to be doing. But it's always a joy. I am honored to be ministering here in this mission agency and being able to facilitate so many different church plants and churches to work toward the goal of reproducing themselves. I am just so thankful that God has placed me where He placed me.

Our family is doing well. The kids continue to do well in school. As we come up on Christmas – I can't believe it's already next week. We will be back in Iowa for a few days to spend some time with family and catching up with them. The kids are looking forward to their time off of school and the trip back as well. So we are just rejoicing in the Lord and what He has provided. It's hard to believe how time just keeps passing on, but every day behind us is another day closer to the Lord and we're thankful for that.

We are so grateful for your prayers for us. If you are taking the time to listen to this, and you are this far in, you are vital to me being able to be here and do what I'm doing, and you are such a support and an encouragement to my family and to me, and I can't thank you enough for standing behind us and for honoring God by that. I pray that you would again be strengthened and encouraged today and that you continue to serve your King in every way you can.

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