

Wilmeth Wire #06 – 12.16.2019

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Hey everybody, welcome to another edition of the Audio Wilmeth Wire! So thankful to be able to come to you this way and give another update. Thank you for praying for us and for being behind us. We can't say thank you enough for that and I'm so grateful for God bringing you into ministry with us. For today's update I wanted to start off with a special guest for you. I've got Jacy set up to be able to be a part of the podcast today and to just introduce herself a little bit to you since many of you haven't gotten to meet her yet I wanted to give at least an audio opportunity

For those of you who don't know me yet, I'd like to introduce myself so you know a little about me and I look forward to meeting you in the future! I grew up in southern New Jersey and believed in Jesus when I was five years old. I was very involved in my church and Christian school and was interested in missions from a young age. In high school I taught Bible clubs with Child Evangelism Fellowship and decided to become teacher to share God's love and to make learning enjoyable for children. I earned my elementary education degree at Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania in 2000 and taught 1st grade and 5th grade at a Christian school in Lafayette, Indiana, for four years. During that time I prayed about teaching overseas and spent a month in Kosovo with a friend and her sister who was a missionary there. My church in Indiana was involved with Bethesda Outreach Ministries in South Africa, which at the time was a new orphan ministry caring for AIDS affected orphans through foster care and a Christian school on site. I followed God's leading to spend a year there, which turned into three years. It was a wonderful and challenging experience which stretched my faith and thinking. I returned home to the U.S. in 2007 and spent six months of the next year caring for my grandmother. In 2009 I started an administrative assistant position at Baptist Bible College in the Teacher Education department and enjoyed working for my alma mater and coordinating student missions trips. In 2012 I accepted an administrative assistant position at Fortis Institute in Scranton, PA, a career institute helping adults receive training in order to improve their lives and better support their families. I worked there for five years and was promoted to registrar, working with scheduling and compliance. In the spring of 2017 my sister's family invited me to join them in Akron, Ohio, and I enjoyed time with my niece and nephews for several months. Soon afterwards I was introduced to Eric and we knew quickly that God had brought us together. Having a family has always been a desire of mine and I am very blessed to now have a wonderful husband and four children.

This year I started working at OhioGuidestone, a non-profit serving the mental health community and people in recovery. I'm a part-time secretary and really enjoy being part of a meaningful organization that is helping people.

Eric and I have our second anniversary this month. We appreciate your prayers as we blend together as a family and serve the Lord in our local community.

It's hard to believe it's already been 2 years that we've been together hard to believe it's only been 2 years too though. I know when we first met each other I was amazed at how quickly we really got to know each other.

We did, I was very surprised also just that we clicked right away and felt like we had always been very comfortable, always known each other, and we spent a lot of time on the phone and then I think our first date was about 4 or 5 hours and we just didn't want to leave. That was a good sign that we were supposed to be together.

God is so good! He has knit us together and we have been working on blending the family all together which is a lot of work. For those of you who are listening if you've ever been involved in blending a family together you know the work that it takes. It doesn't just happen, it's not a 30-minute sitcom sort of thing where you start off and by the end everything is hunky dory. It's a lot of work and I think I can pretty safely



say that prior to going through this process I had no idea what this process was going to be but God is so good and faithful and growing all six of us.

Just a quick update on some things that are going on here at BCP for ministry work. One of the less exciting things, for most people anyway, I'm working on doing is some minor adjustment to the constitution and our policy handbook. Being the process person and keeping all of that straight takes up quite a bit of time. It's amazing to work hours and hours and hours and really only end up having to write a paragraph. It takes a lot to get things just right and that's a piece of what I'm doing here. Another thing is going on here at BCP, if you've been reading our connects, you know that President Little has started the transition to retire and so we are currently have a search committee looking for who the next president would be so that's something to pray about and something to be excited about. I tried my best to keep Steve here and tell him he can't retire and go but he doesn't always listen to me so we are in the process of finding somebody new and it'll be neat to see who God brings and what the Lord does to provide for PCP into the future. Another exciting thing is that we've been able to do is assist a couple of new missionaries. Jimmy Stevenson and Marty and Susan Bassinger have joined BCP and are currently raising support. Jimmy is a new builder and Marty and Susan are missionaries in intentional transitional ministries (they go in and help churches in transition). For both of these families I've had the chance to be able to help them generate their prayer cards and presentations and different things like that to support them and have the service center here supporting them as well. It's been a joy to help them and really you, when you are supporting the Wilmeths to be here doing that, you're also helping these new missionaries to do what God is called them to do and so on their behalf "thank you for your support"

A couple of things just the mention for prayer requests. We're going to be traveling this coming December, as many people will be will be, coming back to Iowa to visit family and also visiting a couple of our supporting churches. We will get to visit Indianola and Slater.

I'm looking forward to meeting some of you haven't met before.

Another prayer request is for wisdom. I often pray for wisdom for leading at home with Jacy and leading the kids, also here at BCP, and in personal ministry. We are really striving to reach to our neighbors to build relationships with them. We're also getting to know more people at school. We've been there a few years now and the kids have lots of friends the older 3 were involved in marching band this fall and we were able to volunteer with the band at the games and it's opened up some new relationships and we're trying to invite kids over and trying to make them feel at home and just see what we could do encourage our school community. It's really important for us as a family to be ministering as a family and so we're thankful that God has opened that up for us.

To close today I just want to say again thank you for your support for us. We strive to pray for you regularly and we desire to find out how we can pray for you. As a family at the dinner table we often have the kids pray and have them go through different requests so if we as a family can pray for you let us know what specifically we can pray for so that we can be partnering with you in the ministries that God has put you in where you are. I often say I can't say thank you enough and I don't know what else to say other than to continually tell you thank you for partnering with us and for being a part of our ministry. You are an encouragement to us constantly. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing some of you soon and some of you a little bit later.

Merry Christmas!

