

Things to be thankful for...read on to find out! (Ministry highlights on the next page)



Zhenya meeting up for some coffee with a church member



The "boys" having a moment

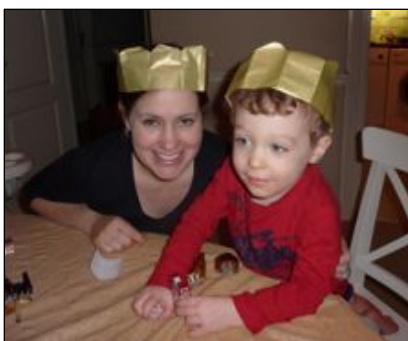


Aidan at one of his favorite toys

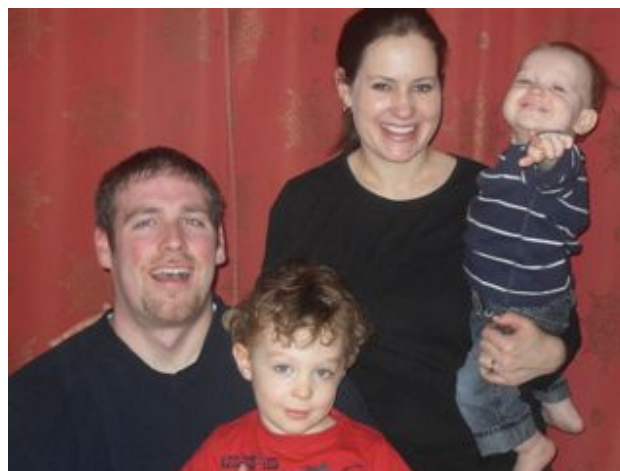


A rare picture of Liam not running

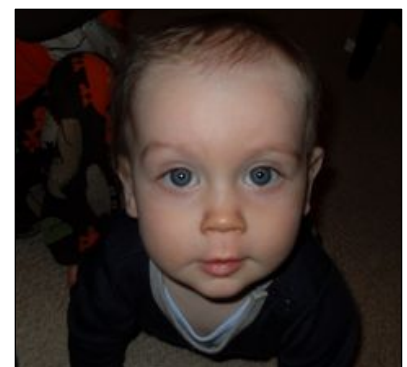
Family' update: So many gaps to fill in since the last newsletter. We celebrated our 2nd Christmas in England. This time around we got off to such an early start that our Christmas tree died before the 25th and we had to get a replacement! Aidan who turns 1 in April is almost walking now and seems to enjoy using his new teeth a little too much. Liam who turns 3 this month has embraced his London lifestyle and has full weeks of playgroups, meetings and play dates. In a crowning moment, in church the last Sunday of February Liam broke out of the nursery room and ran into the worship service to find his daddy and tell him what types of candy he had stuck in his pocket. This happened at the climax of his sermon in front of everyone! To which Chris replied, "that's my boy." Zhenya has started a women's ministry and has been meeting with women during the week on their lunch breaks. The excitement over these meetings with Zhenya, has led them requesting her to plan an special event for the two churches!



Christmas dinner in London



Here it is folks, the first Bear picture where everyone is looking and smiling



He's ready for his close up...but beware, he likes to bite you on the nose when you are not looking



A group of people from Surrey Docks church after the leaflet drop



Here is the Christmas Seder! It started as a service for 6 people and ended up with almost 60.



Here is a recent worship service of Surrey Docks

Ministry Updates

Surrey Docks: We have been blessed beyond belief here! This last three months we have seen an influx of people and have averaged around the mid 20's each week! We did a leaflet drop that used Valentine's Day as a hook to invite people and that brought in six people that next Sunday. In case you are wondering it was a picture of a chubby bulldog holding a rose in his mouth saying, "Love means not being alone on Valentine's Day" and we put our church info on the back. The sermon that Sunday was how God's love, brought about by the work of Jesus on the cross, is radically superior to anything humans could experience. In addition, we started our first small group as a church. We are looking through "The Case for Christ." It is the real life story of a journalist seeking to disprove the claims about Christ found in the Bible... but ends up becoming a Christian as a result.

Canada Water: Canada Water Church has been going well. At the moment we have over 50 people involved in small groups meeting in six different homes. On Christmas Eve we had a special combined event with the two churches. We decided to have a meal and a service at the same time. When we announced it there were 6 signed up to come. When we started there were almost 60 there! We called it a Christmas Eve Seder.

Difficult Prayer Request:

Over the last few months there have been serious conversations (disagreements) amongst leadership about the best way for these two works to move forward. Please pray that the outcome, whatever it is, will be wise.

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Prayer Requests:

1. Planning and prepping for small groups, worship services, mercy ministries, and outreach
2. Financial Support.
3. Training and ordaining elders and deacons.
4. For Megan as she does her support-raising.
5. Our new Church plant "Surrey Docks."

Many Blessings in Christ,
Chris, Zhenya, Liam and Aidan