



DeRocher Family Summer Update

Dear Friends,

July 29, 2026

Praise God for the opportunity to sit down and share some updates in the midst of our continued outreach that I believe will encourage you and give you a picture of what God is doing in our family, starting with our kids:



David is currently deployed for the U.S. Navy and is doing well. His job requires great determination and skill. We always love hearing his voice when he is able to call home. Perhaps most exciting for David is his upcoming wedding ceremony this December in Long Island, New York. We are all so thrilled that God brought Gabby into his life. She is an answer to prayer, and we are so grateful!



Olivia is a rising senior at Lipscomb University, doing fantastic in her communications degree, and carrying a 3.9 GPA. She has waited for the past three years for the opportunity to study abroad in Vienna, Austria, and this September she will be there. This is a dream come true for Olivia, and we have loved watching her grow in her confidence and desire to follow God's plan for her life!



Shelby is heading into her junior year at the University of Tennessee. Through hard work, she earned a full scholarship for tuition and continues to excel academically. She has built many new friendships and continues to find ways to serve. Mandy is especially happy that at least one of her kids is only a 3-hour drive from home. Go Big Orange!



Our youngest, **Sam**, graduated from high school a year early and is taking a gap year to pursue an opportunity to serve Soul Church in Norwich, England. He leaves for England mid-September and will be away from home for almost a year, returning in July 2027. Sam will be enrolled in Soul Leadership Academy, working at the church, and staying with a host family. The mission of Soul Church is "Love in Action," and we can't wait to see all that God has in store for Sam!



Special Ask

As a family, we're facing a unique financial season ahead, with our kids going in multiple directions around the world at once, and our growing sports outreach and ministry. We want to ask if you might consider a special gift to partner with us as we continue reaching out to others with the gospel (32 years now). We sensed, through prayer (Philippians 4:6), that God was prompting us to share our needs and our unusual season with you. Our total need is over \$10,000, which will help cover a great part of our ministry needs, and we trust our Heavenly Father to help us meet these needs over the next few months.

You are a gift from the Lord in so many ways, and thank you for your gracious consideration. We feel so privileged for the opportunity to build God's Kingdom with you.

Much love,

Hope you are having a great summer!! Dave and Mandy



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