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God is Love - Summer Missions, Seminary, and Stuff

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How are we almost at the end of summer??? I have put it in my calendar to get back to sending updates monthly because I have just too much to share when I wait this long! The last few months have been full in a lot of ways but mostly full with summer missions, seminary, and other stuff. Yes, you heard that right! I started seminary at Denver last Fall (I passed my two semesters!) pursuing my Masters in Bible Studies and Theology. I actually am finishing up a one week intensive here on campus and it has been rich! There has been so much that has reopened my eyes and caused me to ask more questions than conclude answers, but in the best way possible. My prof has made Scripture come alive again in ways I didn't know and my cohort has been an amazing place of community and camaraderie. I've come to recognize that seminary isn't about another degree for me but about becoming a better learner of the Word I follow and give my life to live and teach!

Prior to this week, we spent a week in San Diego for summer missions. It was so good! I still LOVE that my kids get to experience life with students and staff who love them and love Jesus. It was a full week per usual but to see students grow and take steps of faith is all worth it! We spent the week doing a lot of evangelism training and going out on campus at UCSD. Evenings were filled with team time and discipleship groups and a lot of hanging out! The balance of work and mom life continues to be tricky but like all things, I'm taking it a day at a time.

Speaking of family, we are doing well! Ari turned 4 at the end of June!! He's starting TK in the Fall at our local public school. He's a hand full and is like the energizer bunny. He loves legos, Marvel, Cars, and just being active. He'll start soccer and baseball in the Fall and I can't wait to see him enter into this next season! He's so much fun and a handful, but he's great! Eliana is almost 21 months! She's growing and her little personality is coming out. She can hold her own against her big brother! We are waiting for her adoption to be finalized but are moving towards that and anticipating that sometime in the Fall, things will be done. She's been a blessing to us and hearing her call me mama has been nothing but sweet.

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END OF YEAR GIFTS: THANK YOU for your faithful generosity this last year! Because of your generosity and the Lord's kindness, I have been able to fully focus on ministry this last Fall! It's been a full semester, but because of you, I have seen the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in students all over! If you'd like to give an end of year gift, please visit www.give.cru.org/0551103.

