

# Sam and Ammi's September 2023 Newsletter



Our children  
left to right:  
Tiffany  
Zoey  
Johnny

## **LOTS HAVE HAPPENED!**

**SAM COMPLETED WORSHIP SCHOOL**

**THEN EXPERIENCED HEALTH CRISIS**

**WE GOT A HOUSE!**



**IN FOUNTAIN INN, SC, USA**

**AMMI'S PARENTS CAME FOR 3 MONTHS**

**SAM CELEBRATES 19 YEARS IN MINISTRY**

**FRESH START, WHAT'S NEXT?**

Dear friends and family,

Greetings from South Carolina! I pray that you are having a great season in the Lord. As you know, for the past couple years we have been living in Fort Mill, South Carolina (SC), near Charlotte, while I was a student at Morning Star School of Worship. I had a great experience meeting other wonderful worship leaders and musicians, and growing in my musical skills. The community of worship musicians was amazing and it was something I did not have back in Seattle. I even played worship sets with a harpist, for the first time since my *Undiscovered Land* album in 2008!

After I completed my one year program at the worship school, we decided to stay in the area as I had increasing opportunities to serve in worship at the MorningStar House of Prayer and at other local churches and ministries. During that season, to my surprise, the rest of my family (Ammi, Johnny, Zoey, and Tiffany) grew spiritually at a rapid pace! I felt God was saying, *I didn't move your family here just for your personal growth, I moved you all here so that everyone would grow!*

Johnny and Zoey benefited much from being at MorningStar Christian School, and also from going to the children's program at Antioch International Church (very near us). Ammi

herself received valuable spiritual nourishment from the Bible teachings at Antioch. During Fall of 2022, Ammi experienced an inner healing breakthrough that has blessed our marriage! (feel free to ask her for more details) Ammi's spiritual life has been completely rejuvenated. God is good! Looking back, the faith level of our entire family has gone up tremendously since we moved to SC.



Ammi and I with MorningStar international students

### Health Problems

While all these things were going on, my health deteriorated and I realized that I was burnt out. The full year of going to school, attending so many church events, and playing everywhere had taken a toll on my body. I was absolutely exhausted. One health issue led to another, and I discovered I had dangerously high blood pressure. At the same time, I was due for major dental surgery to take out cysts around my wisdom teeth, and extract all my wisdom teeth as well. The growing cysts were pushing my wisdom teeth down into my jawbone, which would eventually break my jaw if not removed!

Late 2022 turned into a difficult time of crisis in my life. If not for the grace of God, I would not have been able to overcome this trial! Through healing prayer, exercise, and radically changing my diet and lifestyle, my blood pressure came back down, and I had my dental

surgery this past March. Praise God the entire surgery went smoothly. My jawbone was not affected, and they found no cancer in the cysts! Glory to God!

### Moving and Getting a House!

A month later, in April, after I recovered from the surgery, our family left Fort Mill, and we relocated to the beautiful small town of Fountain Inn, South Carolina. It was a huge change! What happened?



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Well, our move was not a spontaneous decision. In fact, Ammi and I had been planning it for nearly a year. We sensed that God would be moving us after I finished school (as many students do leave afterwards and not stay in the area). We were not in a rush to move right away, so we had time to pray, listen to what God is saying, and also see if God was opening any doors for us to stay in Fort Mill.

A main reason why we wanted to leave was that Ammi and I had always desired to build our own ministry center for people to come from around the world. As one of my life verses in the Bible is Song of Solomon 2:10- "Rise up... and come away," we want to build a base where people can leave the intensity of a big city and be refreshed, restored, and revived in the Lord.



The Fort Mill/Charlotte area was becoming more densely populated, (due to lots of people moving in from out of state!) so we were looking for a place where it was easier to access nature and solitude. Fountain Inn is a perfect place for that. (interestingly I was in need of this refreshing myself, as I was exhausted and burnt out!)



We grew a watermelon in the backyard of the house!

At first, we didn't know about Fountain Inn, and we didn't think we were going to buy a house. We had been renting in Fort Mill. In the middle of last year, my parents told us that they want to help us financially to buy a house. Praise God! After that, God drew our attention to the Greenville region of South Carolina. Greenville is known for its natural beauty and outdoor recreation, and it is consistently ranked as one of the top places to live in the US!

As we visited Greenville more and more, both Ammi and I became excited about moving there. Eventually the Lord led us to a house in Fountain Inn, south of Greenville. I thought it was interesting that we landed in Fountain Inn, as one of my violin music websites is

called Music Fountain, and I have always thought of our worship to God as fountains springing up from the earth!

We officially moved in on April 21st this year, on my and Ammi's wedding anniversary date! God is amazing! I want to thank my parents and other family members who have contributed to help us to buy this house! Though we miss our friends in Fort Mill, and I miss leading worship at all these places around Charlotte, we know that we are in the right spot. Ammi has started growing a garden, I was able to rest from ministry for a couple months, for the first time in years!



Ammi's parents with Johnny and Ammi, here in SC!

### **Ammi's Parents Flew from China to Visit Us**

In May, Ammi applied for her father in China to receive a tourist visa to come see us. (Ammi's mother already has a US visa). Later that month, Ammi's father passed his visa interview in Beijing. Praise God! He and Ammi's mom came to the US in June. They stayed with us for 3 months and we had a joyous time in the Lord. It was the first time Ammi's father had seen our daughter Tiffany in person! (Tiffany is 4 years old now)

If we did not get the house, we would not have the space and the ability to host Ammi's parents, and this beautiful family reunion would have been further delayed! As I look back upon this past year, I am astonished by how the Lord orchestrated our steps. We have been through so much as a family in one year, and we know that the best is yet to come.



Sam playing electric violin for worship

### **Current and Future Plans**

Now that we are settled in Fountain Inn, we are seeking God for our next steps in ministry. I have just started to play worship violin with the Greenville House of Prayer. About the ministry base we are thinking about building, our vision is for it to be:

- 1). A Worship Place
- 2). A Training Center
- 3). A Healing Room (see [healingrooms.com](http://healingrooms.com))
- 4). And a Family Camp!

Each one of these four aspects, I can spend much time explaining and elaborating about what it means and how we would create it!

What we want to do right now is to establish our ministry as a stand-alone nonprofit organization. We will need to raise tons of funds, buy land and build facilities, and hire staff! All of these steps may take some time to accomplish.

In the short-term, while we first work to register ourselves as a nonprofit, I want to continue my worship ministry locally, work on recording more music, and start writing the books I have been contemplating over the years (books about worship, prayer, spiritual growth, etc). Hopefully the music and the books will raise much funds for the ministry base as well. Both Ammi and I know that this is a gigantic undertaking. Only God can make it happen. We cannot produce anything without Him!

We will need your prayers to cover us regularly, and we will need increasing financial support as well. We need funds to cover our living expenses here in Fountain Inn, and to start these kingdom projects. If what you have read here stirs your heart, Ammi and I want to ask you to consider partnering with us, in prayer, and in contributing financially to us, on a regular basis if possible. The giving information is on the next page.

In October, I will celebrate my 19th year in full time ministry. That is amazing! It has been an incredible adventure since 2004 with so many powerful experiences, and godly lessons learned along the way. Thank you so much for all your prayers, encouragement, and support over the years! We could not have arrived here without you all, by the hand of God!

Feel free to contact us to let us know that you are praying for us, or if you have any questions and want to learn more about our vision for the



ministry base. We would love to connect with you! You can contact us through social media apps (Facebook, MeWe, Whatsapp, LINE, Telegram, etc.) or email us at [lightamp@live.com](mailto:lightamp@live.com)

Thanks for reading and God bless you!

Samuel and Ammi  
(and Johnny, Zoey & Tiffany)



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*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added to you.*

*Matt 6:33*

*Ask of Me, and I will give You  
The nations for Your inheritance,  
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*

*Ps 2:8*