

In 1998 we moved to Michigan to do representative work with New Tribes Mission. Within the first few months we met Brian and Amy Knight and their children. They were serving in a local church ministering as Youth Pastor. This was when we first met Abby one of their children. She was less than 10.

In 2009 we reconnected with Brian and Amy who work in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan as pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Dollar Bay. We were invited for their fall missions conference and were promised a great time of fellowship and great weather. Abby was there, now a teen ager who had a passion to serve the Lord. The fellowship was great but the weather on Saturday and Sunday was cold and snowy. It was our first time doing snow angels in mid-October. At the conference we presented the upcoming 2010 Bolivia Trip and Abby wanted to pray about the possibility of going to Bolivia.

In the Spring of 2010 Abby applied along with several other young people from Michigan for Bolivia. It was a great trip working at the Bolivian training center for South Americans who wanted to reach unreached people groups.

Abby returned home and finished her final year of high school. She did not go directly into Bible School but attended a community college and worked. We wondered what God was going to do with this young lady who had a heart for missions.

To our delight Abby believed God wanted her at the Bible School and we reconnected and watched her grow and search for God's direction for her life. After taking some time off to earn some money and grow in her relationship with her local church, she applied for Missionary Training and was accepted.

This May she graduated from Missionary Training and has been accepted as a member of Ethnos360. She has joined with a team heading for Papua New Guinea with the desire to reach an unreached people group.

It has taken about 9 years for Abby to get to this point. This is about average for a person who has become interested in missions in high school. It takes dedication, commitment, encouragement and prayer for a young person to get as far as Abby. Most of you do not know Abby, but many of you have with us prayed for laborers. She is an answer to your prayers. James says "Pray without ceasing".

Continue to pray for laborers

We head to Wayumi on June 10th with a group of young people from Virginia and Michigan. Pray for them to give their lives to be used by the Lord. We are also privileged to represent Ethnos360 during the last week of June at the IFCA International Convention. Pray that pastors will have their hearts stirred to challenge their congregations to be a part of reaching the unreached. Pastors play a huge part in the direction taken by their young people.

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