

NEWS FROM THE FORDS



“The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.” Prov. 16:9

As we finalize packing and departing Barakel this week it is not lost on us the leading and providence of the Lord. The Lord called us to Barakel in a time when we were not looking for it – we had thought the Lord had other plans for us. And now as we leave camp, when we were also not looking to leave, we are discovering the Lord has other plans for us. May the Lord be praised.



May 9, 1995, we arrived at Barakel. Hannah was not even 1 and Stacy was pregnant with Natalie. 31 years later, 7 children, and countless wonders, blessings and the continued faithfulness of the Lord we depart with a family that has significantly grown. (The picture on the right includes two new fiancés and two babies not yet born. 😊) A little over a week ago we were able to enjoy a wonderful weekend together. Both Isaiah (Gracie Flack) and Samuel (Jessie Ross) are recently engaged and are planning weddings for this summer – we are thrilled and glad to be adding two new daughters-in-law to the family.

A New Home in Alto (sadly not ALTA, UT – mountain skiing...!)

We will be moving to Alto, Michigan, where God has provided an incredible blessing: a large, finished, and partially furnished, basement graciously offered by a widow who desires to support our journey.

A New Ministry

Beginning June 1, I will join 10ofThose.com as an Event & Sales Coordinator. This ministry role involves traveling to conferences and events to set up and coordinate Christian bookstores. When not traveling, I will be managing logistics to help connect ministries, churches, and individuals with God-honoring resources.

Our New Address

10341 Spring Valley SE
Alto, MI 49302

Support & Camp Barakel

Camp Barakel will only be able to process tax-deductible receipts for support gifts that arrive by May 31, 2026. You are still welcome to send support to the Fords directly to our new address, but please note that we will no longer be able to provide a tax-deductible receipt for those gifts.

We want to also say thank you for the many ways you have supported our family over the years. Financial gifts, words of encouragement, a listening ear, countless prayers, serving alongside us, a place

to spend the night, and most importantly, the gift of your friendship! While we might only see you once a year, it was always a delight to see familiar faces return for an event and could connect and catch up. Thank you for this quiet ministry so many of you participated in – our kids were always eager to know who was coming and we caught on to that quickly! We would enjoy staying connected however the Lord chooses for this to happen!

Please Pray

- For the continued details of moving – packing, deciding between storage, selling, and getting rid of things. Planning on moving Friday, May 29.
- We will be looking for a church home in the greater Caledonia/SE Grand Rapids, area.
- That we would be found faithful in our trust of the Lord in these hard days as we process and grieve and look forward in hope as to what the Lord has in store.
- Isaiah and Gracie are planning a wedding for June 20, 2026.
- Samuel and Jessie are planning a wedding for August 8, 2026.
- Both Hannah (her first) and Natalie (her third) are expecting. This is grandchild number 9 and 10.
- May 30, our thirty-fourth anniversary. 😊

We would love to hear from you; here is our contact information.

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With love and gratitude,
The Ford Family