

## Where are we heading from here?

We are continuing to wait upon the Lord (Ps 37:9, 123:2 & Isa 40:31). We have several families and individuals who have been led by God to partner with what He is doing through our lives to help kids. Some have given one time gifts, and others have become monthly supporters. We've received checks, anonymous visa gift cards, as well as gift cards to Giant, Acme, Rencers, Sunoco, & Wawa to help cover essentials for the ministry. We are so thankful for your support both in prayer and in financial support. All of this facilitates our ability to focus most of our time on working with teenagers rather than striving (Eccl 2:22) to pay the bills.

We invite those of you who have not yet experienced the privilege of joining with us in this service to God's kids (2 Cor. 8:4) to talk with Jesus and ask Him what He would have you do to partner with us. While we have started freelance work with [CopeHomeServices.com](http://CopeHomeServices.com) and [1800BunkBed.com/pa13](http://1800BunkBed.com/pa13) our goal is to dedicate most of our time to ministry, as we are mere stewards of the HIS resources. We do not want entrepreneurial pursuits to take center stage or become our focus out of necessity, as God has proven that he can fill our calendar with appointments with students in need. You can call us with questions at 484-748-0008

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Won't he leave the 99 sheep to look for the 1 who was lost? - Mt 18:12

## Prayer Requests

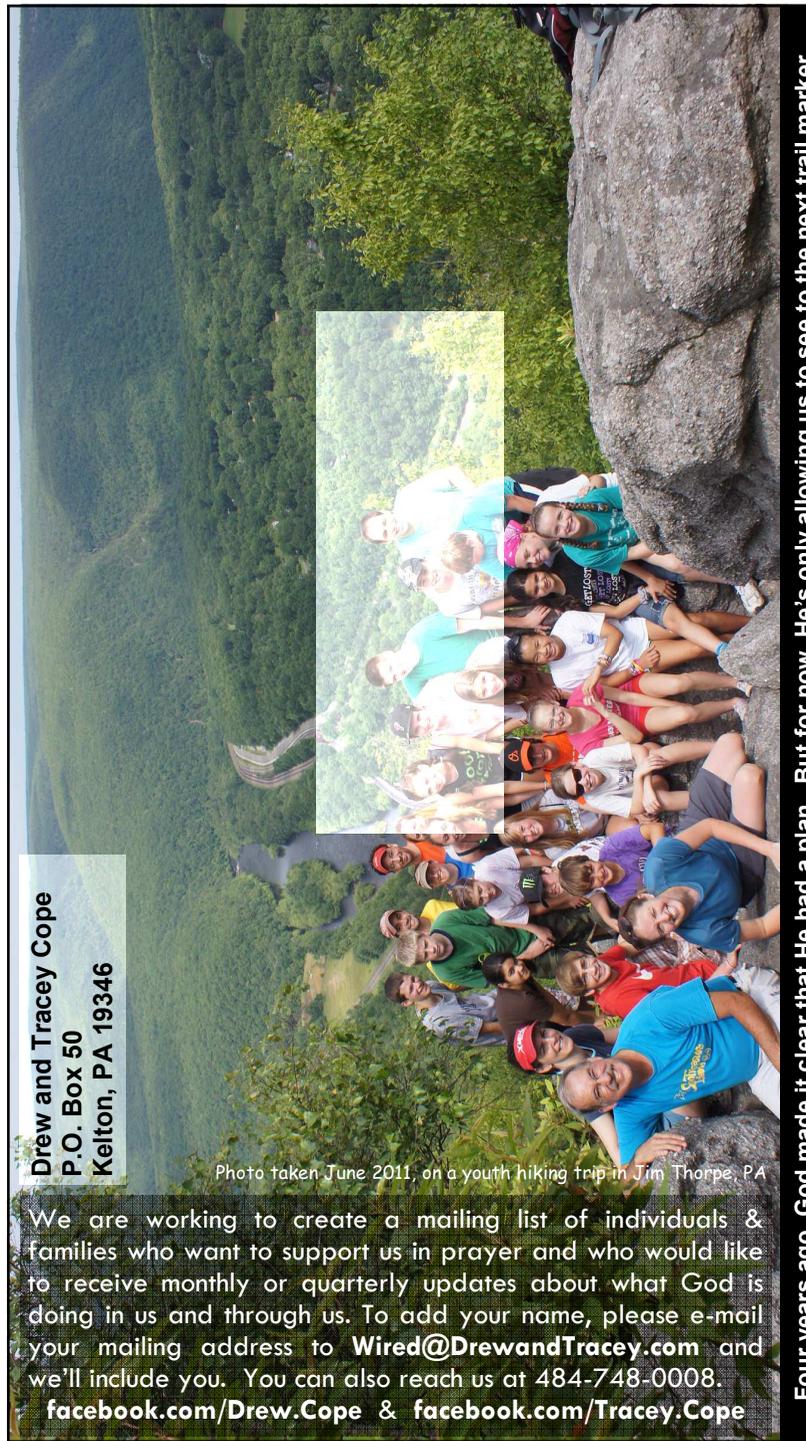
Godly wisdom on how to allocate our time between ministry opportunities & income producing endeavors. Financial provision.

We're asking God to add a second car to the family: something in the 30+mpg, 4 to 5 door sedan family. We'd love to get a good hybrid so we can limit wear & tear on **the Jeep at 242,000 miles**. We're also keeping our eyes open for a 7-passenger, all wheel drive, 6 or 8 cylinder (16+ city mpg), haul anything, go anywhere, people mover to replace the Jeep. Dark color that won't show dirt. Perhaps equipped for class III towing w/electric brake unit.

Pray for God to open doors & provide the means for our eventual **dream to start a year round girls camp**.

Praise God for all the friends who have invited us over for lunch or dinner and for those who have brought over meals. You guys have been amazing. Thank you for letting us share what God is doing. You are joining with us in this ministry!!

The LORD takes care of the godly. - Ps. 37:17



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Photo taken June 2011, on a youth hiking trip in Jim Thorpe, PA

We are working to create a mailing list of individuals & families who want to support us in prayer and who would like to receive monthly or quarterly updates about what God is doing in us and through us. To add your name, please e-mail your mailing address to [Wired@DrewandTracey.com](mailto:Wired@DrewandTracey.com) and we'll include you. You can also reach us at 484-748-0008.

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Four years ago, God made it clear that He had a plan. But for now, He's only allowing us to see to the next trail marker.

## Drew and Tracey Cope June 2011 Newsletter

I [will] instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.

Proverbs 4:11-12

Photo from 2011 youth hiking trip in Jim Thorpe, PA

**Thank you for your interest in supporting God's plan in our lives.**

For the past nine years, Tracey and Drew have been pouring their lives into average, everyday, middle class teenagers who appear to have great lives on the outside, but who are falling apart, both emotionally and spiritually, on the inside. Most of these teens are bruised by messy divorces, angry/abusive alcoholic parents, and/or sexual abuse.

They may also have self worth, abandonment, insecurity, and identity issues which often trace back to unhealthy relationships with their fathers.

**God has placed His heart inside of us for these teens. Now we are waiting for Him to reveal where we are to do this ministry as we move forward, and how He is going to provide financially for us as we love His children.**

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the **shadow** of the Almighty (you gotta be close). This we declare of the LORD: **He alone** is our refuge, our place of safety; He is our God and **we are trusting Him**.

Psalms 91

Photo from 2011 youth hiking trip in Jim Thorpe

We loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well. - 1 Thess 2:8

**"Do not take advantage of the widow, the orphan or the fatherless. If you do and they cry out to [the LORD and He] will certainly hear their cry. — Exodus 22:22**

## Where have we been?

The past four months have been incredible. We have been spending 20 to 35 hours a week doing prayer ministry work with various students, helping them learn how to apply God's principles of confession and repentance, forgiveness, putting Him first, generational sin, reaping and sowing, judge not lest you be judged, and others. When a teenager or a young adult seeks us out, we try to schedule a four-hour meeting where we invite them to our home and share a meal while they tell us what's been going on. It typically takes an hour for them to communicate everything that's been building up inside. We spend the next hour doing some Q&A trying to discern the root issues and listening to the Holy Spirit for guidance of where HE wants to start working in this person's life. God shows us the plan and we spend about an hour praying through various things that God reveals. The final hour is usually a time to thank God for what He's done & talk about how life will be different now. Some teens have come in with one issue, we pray through it, & it's done. Most of the teens we've met with have dropped by several times. It seems that once one or two main burdens are lifted, then God brings other, smaller issues to the surface.

Two teens from divorced families, drop in from time to time just to watch a movie, or play board games, and to have a family dinner because they miss doing that with their parents who now both work two jobs and are totally emotionally unavailable. God has given us the privilege of spiritually re-parenting some of the hurt out of some of our kids' lives both in the removal of bad things, and the impartation of the good things they've missed growing up.

My favorite scene from the movie 'Air Force One' takes place towards the end when the pilot declares: "Liberty Two-Four is changing call signs. Liberty-Two Four is now Air-Force-One." In fifteen words, the pilot of that plane communicated more than just the fact that they had the President safely onboard. He communicated to those listening that a total change in the identity, mission, purpose, rules of engagement, and assignment of his aircraft and his crew had taken place. His C-130 Hercules wasn't as pretty as the Boeing 747, but it was well equipped to accomplish its mission. We both believe that God has made it clear that we are to "change call signs" & we've had three huge neon signs confirming that. Drew and Tracey are no longer youth pastors. While we're not physically pregnant, God has made it clear that we are now parents. Our identity, mission, purpose, rules of engagement, and the assignment on our lives, our family and everything God has given us stewardship over has been rewritten. The birthing pains have been many, but the result has been overwhelmingly worth it.

*The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. - Psalms 37:23*

## How is God moving?

Here's a brief snapshot of what God has been doing in the lives of the kids he's brought through our home recently.

- A young adult came every Tuesday for five weeks, seeking healing from traumatic night terrors that had been tormenting her for over two years. We prayed through some issues of unforgiveness in her life, and **the night terrors ceased!** We later learned that she was suicidal and had written in her journal days before she started meeting with us that she desperately needed something to do on Tuesday mornings. God had heard her prayer & brought her here.
- A very bubbly, happy, outgoing, popular high school senior asked to meet with us with no set agenda. After an hour of hanging out and talking, she revealed that she was miserable and angry to our total surprise. The Holy Spirit prompted the question, "how do you express your emotions? Do you cry, journal, scream, what?" She stated that she can't remember when the last time she cried was and that is where God took us. She asked the Holy Spirit to reveal to her when the last time was she cried, and God promptly took her to a memory of when she was nine, mom just remarried, this kid didn't like the guy, and she cried herself to sleep at night. She remembered her mother saying repeatedly that week, "You are stronger than this, quit being so weak, quit crying," and that was the last time she cried. She broke agreement with the lie that says, "**crying makes me weak**," repented of leaning on her own strength, she forgave her mom, and we asked the Holy Spirit to restore her ability to cry. She started balling immediately! She hadn't cried a single tear that she could remember in nine years.
- We met with a young man who confessed some deeply personal **sexual sin** to us. He asked for help finding freedom from the generational curses operating in his life, and from his own patterns of addictive behavior. We also worked through some **father issues** with him and the false idea that he feels the need to earn **approval** from his Heavenly Father & others through performance.
- We took a 15-year-old girl to the Revolve Tour conference to let her experience someone else's take on God's ideas about boyfriends, modesty, sexual purity, pursuing the dreams God gives you, accepting differences in others and more. It was incredible!
- A young woman asked to meet with us to discuss the **abuse** she suffered in her family, and to explore whatever **generational sins** and **curses** may be affecting her life today and contributing to the **compulsive habits** and sins that she has struggled with.
- We received a Facebook email from a student we worked with a long time ago. She grew up in abusive, alcoholic, drug infested, divorced situation and got out by going to college and marrying a military guy. They were recently moved to a new base, and her husband was promptly deployed. She was struggling. We emailed a two page prayer back to her and one thing God led us to pray for was that God would **send an ambassador** from the church she was to attend to come find her. She replied back that, "within 18 hours of our e-mail, someone had invited her to church."

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, to do the good works He prepared in advance for us to do - Eph 2:10*

## How is God moving? - continued

- We took two teens to the church camping trip & had a great time caving, cooking s'mores, playing soccer & swinging at the park. We've also had them out boating, water skiing & crabbing.
- A 19-year-old who has invited herself over on a regular basis and who has been some-what **homeless**, bouncing house to house for 18 months, asked for help with several tangible issues in her life including some old medical bills, college financial aid advice, and a recent car accident. In four months of working with her, she has really excelled. She recently wrote us a letter expressing her appreciation for all that God had done through us in her life, and asking our permission to start referring to us as her mom and dad.
- A 21-year-old single mom called us for help when she and her baby were **kicked out** of the home she had been living in. We spent the day working with her, and she decided she didn't like our suggestions for how to find work, daycare and an apartment so she called someone else to come pick her up. Please pray for her!
- Two parents called us about their teenager daughter who was really struggling in her freshman year of high school. After meeting with her, she explained some of the social difficulties but then revealed something really key. The summer before she started high school, a number of friends repeatedly told her stories about how hard high school would be. They explained to her how she would get beat up the first week at school, & if she didn't get beat up, then she'd have a miserable year & no friends. They also told her that if she didn't dress right, do the popular things, & hang out with the popular people and do whatever they told her to do, that she'd be an outcast. Those lies sunk deep into her heart, mind and spirit and the curses spoken over her all came true. She did not get beat up, did not wear the 'right' clothes & she had a horrible year. We prayed with her, breaking agreement with those lies, asking forgiveness for believing & agreeing with the lies, canceled the curses by the power of the Blood of Jesus who became a curse for us, and spoke the truth of scripture that those who obey God will find favor.
- On June 20th, we helped a youth pastor friend lead a middle school hiking trip in Jim Thorpe, PA. While on the trip, one of our young adults who was with us, slipped and fell off some rocks she was climbing. Drew fractured his ankle breaking her fall. The young woman fractured her knee cap. Those on the trip saw God move in the miraculous way in which the fall wasn't worse, the way total strangers moved in to assist, and through friends & family assisting at the hospital & with practical needs. We serve an amazing God. Both are doing well. Drew canceled several Cope Home Services jobs following the accident & we have some unexpected medical bills stacking up. Prayers are appreciated.

*We are called to share God's incredible love with badly wounded teens: helping and spiritually nurturing those kids, who have nowhere else to go, who have no one to talk to, and lead them to the healing power that Christ has for all of us.*

*Sing to God, a Father to the Fatherless, a Defender of Widows.... God who places the Lonely in Families. - PS 68:4-6*

*We are investing our lives together.... being safe people... who create safe spaces.... for teens to tell their stories and share their pain.... and who serve as conduits for Jesus' healing love in teenagers' lives.*