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Seminary



Richard and I in South Carolina during our honeymoon

MARRIED LIFE:

These first few months of our marriage have been wonderful! We finished our wedding and honeymoon before the restrictions from the Coronavirus started. Since that time, we have been working on a lot of paperwork and other things that we need to get done.

We have been so blessed to be able to spend every day together, and we are so happy! We love to accompany each other and help each other with everything. This has been the happiest time in my life, so far.



The chapel at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN

This fall, Richard and I will move to Fort Wayne, Indiana. There, I will study at Concordia Theological Seminary to become a deaconess. I will spend two years studying on campus. Then, I will have a one-year internship.

This continued study will better equip me for wherever God will call me, in the future. I'm not sure if we will be called back to the mission field or to somewhere in America. We are prepared for either. We will go wherever God calls us and do whatever God calls us to do.

We are very excited about what the future will hold. There is still a lot of unknowns for us, but we know that God is the one who holds the future. Whatever God has planned is better than we could make it.

In this next chapter of my life, I will no longer have this email address, and will not put out this newsletter. If you want to continue to follow and support me during this time, I will continue to post updates on my Facebook page. If you would like to email me, I can be contacted at johnsonj14@csp.edu.

The next few years will be filled with hard work, but Richard and I are prepared to face everything together. We look forward to seeing what God has planned for the future. Please pray for us as we start this next adventure.



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Wedding

On February 29, I got to marry the love of my life. We were blessed to be able to celebrate with many of our family and friends.

Our wedding started out with more excitement than we were anticipating. We planned to arrive in America a little more than two weeks before our wedding. We ended up arriving just under one week before the wedding. In the midst of our chaos, however God was still in control. He was always arranging the best plan, and everything ended up wonderful!

It was a day filled with celebration! Our service was in both English and Chinese, so that it was in both our native languages. For our reception, we had a brunch, as well as dancing and other wedding activities. Our guests sent us off by throwing water balloons at us! It was a day filled with many wonderful memories! If you did not see the wedding ceremony and would still like to, it can be viewed here:

<https://youtu.be/Xyrol2ogm1s>



Our first kiss as husband and wife

SUPPORT MISSIONARIES



Though my current missionary service has come to an end, there are still many missionaries serving the LCMS, all over the world. Please continue to support and pray for other missionaries in the Asia region and everywhere. You can view the other missionaries at <https://www.lcms.org/missionarysupport>



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at [lcms.org/service](https://www.lcms.org/service). Click on "Service Opportunities."

Thank You!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Richard and I as we move to Indiana.*
- *The continued mission work in Taiwan and Thailand.*
- *Our marriage to continue to be filled with Christ and love.*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *The time I could serve in Taiwan and Thailand.*
- *The missionaries that God continues to call to serve all over the world.*
- *My wonderful husband and that we had our wedding before the lockdowns.*

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- *His wonderful plan.*



Thank you, thank you, thank you! Moving Forward

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the prayers and support you have given me these past three years. Your partnership has enabled me to serve in Taiwan and Thailand. You have helped me to grow in my faith and trust in Jesus, while sharing his love with others.

Please do not ever think that your prayers and support are a small thing. You are the means that God uses to spread the Gospel throughout the world. Keep up the good work! God has called us to share His love, and we must not give up. Even as I transition to this next chapter, I am so thankful that I am still working along side you. We, as the church, will continue in our calling.

As I start studying at the seminary, is it possible for you to continue to follow me and support me and pray for me. You can follow and contact me through my

Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/LeeinFortWayne/>

or through my personal email:

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No matter if you continue to support me or not, however, please pray for and support our other LCMS missionaries. Take a look at the missionaries we have sent around the world and find one or more to support. The need is still great, both in the Asia region and throughout the world.



“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Matt. 6:33

Grace and Peace,

- Joanna Johnson



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