

The Unprecedented Times

- Of 2020 -

The Downs Family has had to roll with the waves of change in 2020 like everyone else, and for the most part, we have been fine.

Because we ordinarily homeschool all three kids, their education has moved along at a normal pace this year. The absence of city soccer or basketball has challenged us to get more intentional with their P.E. Everyone is improving at pushups, sit-ups, squats and burpees.

Erin taught French II in a hybrid format. We had online meetings with international students in four time zones.

Favorite Activities

- Indoor Exercise
- Board Games
- Crafting
- Reading

Currently Hoarding:

- Microwave Popcorn
- La Croix Sparkling Water
- Chocolate



A Quintessential 2020 Moment

Here we are, sitting in our Yukon, while a light snow has dusted the parking lot of our church. We were enjoying the **drive through wedding reception** of a friend who works with Erin from Pullman Christian School. We drove in the parking lot, and received a Mad-Libs story to fill out for the happy couple to read later. We then drove by the cake station to receive a box of cupcakes. Finally we rolled by the bride and groom with our congratulations!

Despite the lack of opportunities to see friends and travel, overall we have done well adjusting to the changes. We continue to look to the Lord to meet our needs. Mornings, we listen to the *Keys for Kids* devotions together.

Both Keira and Malcolm got baptized in the last 6 weeks. Connor, too, is making good steps in his faith and maturity.

We pray you have a meaningful Christmas!

Ian, Erin, Keira, Malcolm, and Connor

On a Binge

- Boys: Wii: Lego Star Wars
- Keira: Writing Novels & Letters
- Ian: Star Trek TNG Reruns
- Erin: French Worship Music

New Skills

- Connor: Building Lightsabers
- Malcolm: Hi-Tech Lego Builds
- Keira: Video Camera Operation
- Ian: Publishing on YouTube
- Erin: Scone-Making Perfection

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