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# Nate & Whitney Hutchison

Monthly Update | JANUARY 2009

## January Dates

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Happy New Year!  
It's hard to believe that it's already 2009!

**9**

Joe & Amy Flammer depart for the U.S.  
Our teammates will be starting their furlough this month as well.

**17**

Wharf to Wharf Run  
Nate will be participating in a 25 kilometer (approx. 15.5 miles) race on Waiheke Island, just off the coast of Auckland.

**22**

Hamish & Molly Taylor depart for the U.S.  
Our teammates will be starting their furlough this month as well.

**23-26**

Parachute Music Festival  
A huge expo of Christian music from around the world takes place in Hamilton, New Zealand. One of this year's headliners is David Crowder Band - Nate's favorite!

**28**

Depart for the U.S.  
We can't believe it's here already!

**28-31**

Debriefing  
We will be taking a couple of days in San Francisco to debrief and get reacquainted with American culture.

## Learn the Lingo

**hoon**

(v.) to drive speedily/recklessly  
Example: "Many teenagers can be found hooning up and down the streets on summer evenings."

## Furlough Schedule

It's finally here - we will be leaving in only a few weeks for our first trip back to the States. We can't wait to meet up with many of you and share what we've been up to for the past year. *We look forward to checking in with you and hearing about your ministries as well!*

As promised, we are providing a list of our locations throughout the 3-month period. We hope to see you at one of the services listed! Much of our time is booked with presentations, meetings, and family time, but we do still have some free time available. So if you see that we'll be in your area, please give us a call or email and we'll try to set something up!

### January

28-31 Debriefing in San Francisco

### February

1-2 A Belated Christmas with the Meaige family

3-6 Central & Eastern Kentucky  
*Friday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at Kentucky Christian University*

7-9 Columbus, OH  
*Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at Worthington Christian Church*

10-13 Indianapolis, IN

14-18 Zanesville, OH  
*Sunday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at North Terrace Church of Christ and Meadow View Church of Christ*

19-21 Cincinnati, OH

22-28 Central Kentucky

### March

1-8 Team Retreat in Indianapolis  
*Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at Northview Christian Church*

9-April 3 Hutchison Family Time in Lexington/Paris, KY

### April

4-27 Meaige Family Time in Zanesville/Columbus, OH

28 Depart for New Zealand

30 Arrive in Christchurch, NZ

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## Prayer Update

### Our Marriage

With the stress of culture shock, church planting, and a new baby, it's easy to forget to spend quality time with each other. Please pray that we will be active in protecting our most important human relationship.

### Our Families

We are so excited to see them, and to introduce them to our little girl! Please pray that the next three months will be filled with quality time with family, and that we will all be able to cope with another round of good-byes.

### Wharf to Wharf Run

Please pray that Nate will be able to complete the 25 kilometer distance without injury, and that he will be able to stay cool while doing so (it can be quite hot and humid in January!).

### Christchurch

Please be in prayer for the people of Christchurch - that their hearts will be softened and their ears prepared to hear the message that we will be bringing next year.

### Safe Travel

We'll be traveling quite a bit over the next few months - in the air, on the road, and even over the sea! Please pray that we will be safe, and that Lane will enjoy the travel as well!

### Guidance in Parenting

We imagine that every new parent feels as inadequate as we do. We appreciate any prayers on our behalf as we navigate this new, overwhelming task.

### Good Health

We know that exercise and a healthy diet is one of the best ways for us to combat stress and fatigue. Please pray that we will make healthy choices, and that God will protect us from any serious injury or disease.

### More Workers

The harvest is ripe! Pray for God to send more workers to NZ and the South Pacific region.

### Financial Provision

We're working with our team to raise \$165,000 from new church partnerships to get the church started. Please pray that our team efforts will be a success!

## Partnership Update



Our team has been able to raise nearly one-fourth of the funds needed to launch the church - approximately \$35,000 USD! *We are so grateful that the Lord continues to bless this project.* We also realize that we have a long way to go. Please continue to pray for our efforts as we present our ministry to new church contacts during furlough.

We have the following personal totals to report as of January 1, 2009:

		% of Total Need
<b>Avg. Monthly Support:</b>	\$5,000.00	100%
<b>Avg. Monthly Ministry Funds:</b>	\$ 360.42	24%
<b>Special Gifts this Month:</b>	\$5,150.00	n/a

If you would like more information about how to get involved in any of these areas, please contact us. We would be happy to send you some materials and walk you through the process of joining our support team.

## In Conclusion...

Wow, three months of traveling, presenting, meeting with committees, catching up on family time - and doing it all with a (now crawling) baby! At times we can feel a bit intimidated at the thought of it all, but *we are also excited to see many familiar faces and places.* Because of the hectic nature of our upcoming schedule (and lack of concrete activities to report), we will not be sending updates during furlough. We will keep you updated via email with any major developments, prayer requests/praises, or schedule changes. You can also read updates/musings on our blog: <http://n8andwhitney.blogspot.com>.

Thanks for reading, and see you soon!

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