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“I’ve Got This”

While we were in Port Clinton, Ohio helping to start Lake Point Baptist Church, I worked a full time job at a place called Ship Shape Marine. During my time there, I was tasked with training many of the new employees and several times, just as I would start to explain the process of the job, the new employee would claim, “I’ve got this.” This always worried me because I knew a new employee, only hearing how the process worked one time, did not truly “have this” and ultimately, I would have to redo some of their work.

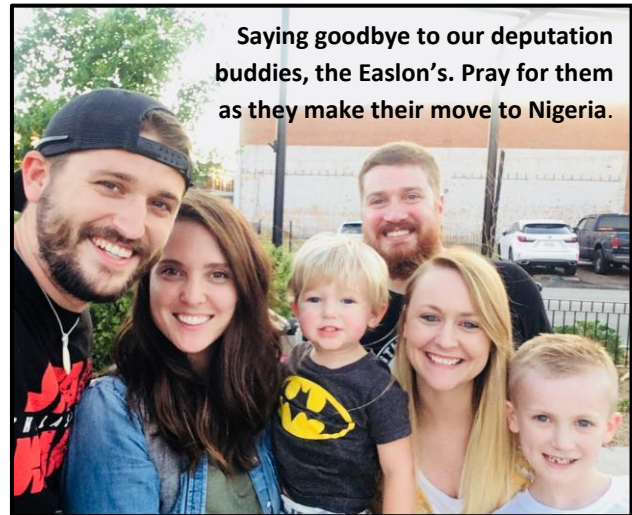
Often times in our personal life and ministries, we have developed this same mind-set. Although we may not say the words, our actions reflect an “I’ve got this” attitude. An attitude that often forgets the power of God and the importance of continually growing in His grace.

Paul describes the opposite of this attitude in Philippians 3:13-14, “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Paul is saying he has not attained perfection yet and that he is willing to press on and grow as he continued to go after God’s calling.

This past month, we were given several opportunities to grow in our knowledge and studies in church planting and disciple making. I attended an ‘Idea Day’ conference in which I got to hear from several experienced church planters, and we both attended the Hilltop Conference where the topic of Discipleship was an emphasis. These times of instruction have been key in our attempt to continually grow in the calling that God has given to us. I realize that even though I grew up in a church planting family and have been a part of plating a church in Ohio, there is still so much that I have yet to learn.

So we press on toward that goal for Christ Jesus.

Love and Prayers
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Saying goodbye to our deputation buddies, the Easlon’s. Pray for them as they make their move to Nigeria.

We would love to hear from you!

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