

The Itzels Update - 2023



2023 was a year that included a wedding, a mission trip, a new album, a restructuring of our concerts, and a growth in ministry opportunities.

On September 2nd, our daughter, Shannon married Dan Kraft. Dan is not only the godly son-in-law we have prayed for since Shannon was a baby, but he is also a fine singer and welcome new member to the sound of the Itzels.

Not only will Dan be joining us on most of our concert dates, but Ryan and Jessica have, and will be, singing with us on special occasions. God has not only enhanced our sound, but has increased our number of singing opportunities. We've been steadily building since the days of Covid lockdowns and this year we had 66 dates while still serving in our church on a regular basis.



God also is using our album "The Time Is Short" to encourage the church to refocus on what is eternal, laying up treasures in heaven because we don't know how long God has given us down here. On November 20th, we will record 10 new tracks that give a call to salvation to the lost and lead believers to glorify God for His saving grace.



This year, our street preaching ministry continued four days a week, evangelizing in Baltimore, Silver Spring, Annapolis, Frederick, Gettysburg, Hagerstown, Mt. Airy, Ellicott City, Westminster, Towson, and we are praying we can reach even more cities in 2024.

God also opened the door for us to return to Ocean City, MD where we gave the gospel on the boardwalk as well as in downtown Berlin, MD. We plan to return to Ocean City and Berlin next year as well as an open door to preach the gospel in the country of Ecuador in May.

We do have some **prayer requests** as we head into the new year. I am doing well with my cardiac rehab, and Karen has been steadily improving with long Covid, finally coming off the oxygen at night. However, today, we just found out that Karen tested positive for Covid again.

Second, God answered our prayers and brought us a few new **monthly supporters** in 2023. Last year, we were about \$950 a month below budget. This year the gap has closed some, but we still remain about **\$500** a month short.

Third, we usually rely on **year-end gifts** to give us a boost into the new year. God has been opening so many doors for us to take the gospel around the world, and we make those plans at the beginning of each year. That is why, more than ever, year-end giving is vital. **It gives us an idea how many of these trips we should begin to plan.**

Will you please pray about partnering with us on a monthly basis or helping with a tax deductible year end gift? Simply go to BKMinistry.org for all the details. Thank you for your prayers and support. In His Service...

Bill Itzel