

# The Zittle Family

Tim – Children & Missions Pastor at Kempsville Baptist  
Jen – Homeschooling Mom and Piano Teacher  
Braden – (10) 5<sup>th</sup> grade – the athlete  
Joshua – (9) 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – the drummer  
Micah – (8) 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – the ninja  
Anna Joy – (5) Kindergartner – the hugger



Back L to R: Micah, Braden, Joshua  
Front: Jen, Anna Joy, Tim

*For so the Lord has commanded us:  
'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles,  
That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'*  
-Acts 13:47

Hi! We are the Zittle family from Chesapeake, Virginia. We have some exciting news to share with you! But first, we'd like to tell you a little bit about our family. Our journey together started as students at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee. Then, while attending seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, we married in June of 1999. After years of infertility, God began to open our hearts to adoption. We started an adoption process in 2005, and while waiting to be matched with a child, God blessed us with our biological son, Braden, in 2008. In the years that followed, our family grew, adding three incredible children from China...Joshua in 2011, Micah in 2012 and Anna Joy in 2016.

For the past eighteen years, we have been serving the Lord within the local church in the areas of students, children and missions. Throughout these amazing years of ministry, we had no idea that God was preparing our family for the step of faith we are about to take. After many prayers, and seeing multiple doors opened, we are excited to share that God is calling our family to the country of Belize, Central America, to join a ministry called Kidz Konnect 4 Jesus (KK4J). KK4J is a ministry that began in Belize in 2005. Its mission is to grow meaningful, Christ-based relationships between U.S. & Canadian Churches and Belizean villages (schools, churches and communities) in a true, long term partnership setting that focuses on making disciples. Our first exposure to KK4J came through Jen's parents and the numerous trips they had taken to Belize to serve the Lord through this ministry. In the fall of 2018, God allowed us to take our first trip to the country. While there, He began to show us how we could use our gifts and abilities to serve Him through KK4J.

Since we have returned to the states, God has been relentless in His pursuit of us, calling us to move to Belize as long-term missionaries. Our heart's desire is to be obedient to this call, coming under the leadership of the KK4J staff in reaching out specifically to the village of Silk Grass. We saw

such a need in that community, and we believe God is calling us to come alongside Silk Grass Baptist Church in reaching out to the 2,000 people in that community. Serving through KK4J, we will also have the opportunity to travel around Stann Creek District, and throughout other parts of the country, sharing the Gospel in various schools. Schools in Belize are required to have a one hour religion course each week. In many cases, they do not have the course, because there is no one to go and teach it. This is an open door to share the good news of Jesus with countless children and teenagers, and we are willing to go!

God has been so good to us! We see how much He has prepared us for this calling throughout the years we have served at First Baptist in Springfield, Virginia, Stillwater Community Chapel in Grand Lake, Colorado, and for the past 12 years, at Kempsville Baptist in Virginia Beach, Virginia. While we are sad to leave our family and friends in the United States, we are excited to be embarking on this new journey. We are following this call the Lord has put on our lives with the full affirmation of Kempsville Baptist Church...our sending church. We are now praying with fervency and faith that God will supply every need for our family to serve Him in Belize. We humbly ask for your support in this journey that awaits us. Thank you so much for prayerfully considering joining our team as we follow His call. We are excited for you to be a part of this journey with us!

In Christ,

The Zittle Family

## How You Can Join Our Team

### Prayer

If you feel led to support us through prayer, we would ask that you pray for the following:

- The people of Silk Grass
- Silk Grass Baptist Church
- Salvation for School Students
- Discipleship of Christians
- All the details in moving
- Our children's adjustment

### Words of Wisdom

We ask that you would support us by sharing with us your favorite verse, or perhaps words of wisdom that you've received along life's journey, that would help us in our transition, or as we are ministering there in Belize.

### Finances

If you feel led to support us financially, you can do so through a one-time gift or monthly support. That can be done online [kk4jesus.networkforgood.com/projects/18258](http://kk4jesus.networkforgood.com/projects/18258)

Or checks made out to KK4J with "Zittle Family" on the memo line can be sent by mail to:  
6101 Long Prairie Ste. 744-272  
Flower Mound, TX 75028

If you would like to join our team in any of these three ways please let us know by:

### Email

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### U.S. Mail

Simply return the commitment card to Kempsville Baptist Church  
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