

lan & Nicole Vroon

Serving with Child Evangelism Fellowship: West Virginia Eastern Panhandle



"LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us." -Isaiah 26:12

WELCOME, NOELLE LINDA VROON!



We met our daughter on May 2nd. Things have been a bit of a blur since, as taking care of a newborn is a lot of work. On one particular night, Ian grabbed my arm and shouted, "Get the baby!" He'd been dreaming Noelle was falling off the bed. Of course she was perfectly safe and sleeping in her pack-n-play.



Yet despite the lack of sleep (and some crazy dreams), we are loving being parents. Nothing can describe the joy of watching your little baby discover the world with wide eyes--or have her give you a big toothless grin for the first time.

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Now the whirlwind of May is past--and lo and behold, we have come to the hot months of summer. Our plans? To visit family and potential partners out east.

That's right! We're going on a trip to Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In West Virginia, we will visit local churches and hope to meet with people in the area for partnership.

We've reached 38% funding--almost halfway to the 80% we need before Ian can begin work with CEF in the eastern panhandle. God has led us this far, and he will get us there.



SUMMER PLANS

As August opens, we will make our way to the CEF headquarters in Warrenton, MO, for formal training. (https://www.cefcmi.com)



Children's ministries For three months Ian will take classes to prepare for his new position. He'll learn additional skills related to leadership, evangelism, instruction and children. While he is busy with that, I will do the real "hard" work--taking care of our bundle of joy!

And after training? Depends on how much funding we have. If we aren't there yet, we will be praying for wisdom in reaching new partners and cultivating our present relationships. Otherwise, we'll begin the business of house hunting!

Thank you to all who are partnering with us financially and in prayer. We have enjoyed meeting with some of you, sharing our vision with you, as well as hearing about your lives. God is good!

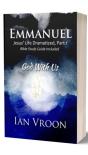
God bless!

-Ian & Nicole Vroon

BUSY WRITING

Ian is currently working on his second installment of devotional biblical dramatizations. The first, *Emmanuel: God With Us*, has been out for months and many have been blessed by it—using it for personal devotions and small group studies.

From Ian: "I love studying God's word and discovering the connections between different parts of the Bible. Before every dramatization, I do extensive research—multiple commentaries from top-level scholars, background commentaries, you name it—and meditate on the passage itself. I pray and take counsel, looking for just the right way it ties into other passages of the Bible. Then I write—and focus on dialogue and dramatic tension. Right now I'm learning about the connections between a broken spirit and a broken gift."





Ian has been working on a fantasy series for years. His goal has been to create clean fiction that brings glory to God by being quality art and by making people dig deeper into their hearts. He just published the third book of his first trilogy in his fantasy series! It's a huge milestone! Ian will be doing his very first book signing at Slanted Art Co-op in Pennsylvania. (Ian is so excited and nervous! Pray that it goes well.) The characters in his book finally discover their purpose--and it is unique.

WE DEPEND ON YOUR PRAYERS!

- Many, many thanks for Noelle. Pray she does well with traveling and remains healthy.
- Pray that Ian is able to provide supplemental income for his family through the sale of his books at the art gallery and on Amazon.
- **Pray** that many people are blessed by Ian's Bible study/devotional book *Emmanuel: God With Us.*
- Pray we meet with many people in West Virginia and reach full funding this summer.
- Pray Ian does well in his classes at CEF's Children's Ministry Institute.



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applies to our lives.
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