

# Demarick & Beth Patton



## Praises and Prayer Requests:

- We praise God for Adonis. Pray with us that Adonis will receive everything the Lord has for him to grow and mature in Christ Jesus.
- We praise God for all the opportunities He continues to give us with people "along the way."



Raquel (left) went on a mission trip to New York City over January Term. She is dancing with a resident at a memory care facility. Feeding the homeless, packing meals, and caring for residents like the one pictured was in part what they did to serve over the week.



We went to Minnesota over Christmas. We wanted a way to experience closure after Beth's mom's death. Spending a few days at her house fulfilled that need. Beth, of course, is still deep in grief.

Dear friends and family,

January 2026

God often surprises us with ministry "along the way," as evidenced in Jesus' life and ministry. Last week, I attended a meeting. The attendees were sharing how God often introduces them to very specific, Jesus-hungry people while they are simply out doing normal life activities. They often end up ministering deeply in these "random" circumstances. That's happened to me as well, but little did I know that Lord's plan 15 minutes later would include this very opportunity.

One of our cars needed to be washed and vacuumed. After the meeting ended, I stopped at the closest car wash. Often times, there is an attendant who runs your credit card and asks you what wash you want at these car washes. So, I pulled up and handed the attendant my credit card. This attendant was very good at his job. He was friendly and asked if I was a guitarist in a band because he thought I looked like one. He wanted to sell me a monthly car wash subscription, but I let him know this location was far from where I lived, plus I didn't want one.

He then asked, "What is one of your goals for 2026?" I shared with him something that I was trusting the Lord for and he asked if I was a Christian. I said yes. He said he was a Christ-follower, too; he had recently rededicated his life to walking with Jesus.

The Lord gave me a nudge to share something with him that instantly made him weep. The Lord always knows what's going to encourage a person, and it's our privilege to be a vessel.

I asked for his name. He said Adonis. Right there at the car wash, I gave him one of my Girl Dad Coach business cards and told him to text me and we would meet.

We met over lunch two days ago. Adonis shared that he had been praying for someone to enter his life and disciple him. He asked me if I would do so. I agreed, of course!

Adonis is a dad and has three young kids. It's my honor and privilege to be invited into his life, and I look forward to see what God does in our relationship.



Meeting with Adonis for lunch.

Our family flew to Minnesota over Christmas. We have made a point to spend Christmas with Beth's mom, a widow, all in various locations over the past twelve years so that she would never spend Christmas alone. We decided to continue the tradition by spending a few days at her house, which has not yet been put up for sale. This was an act of emotional closure for us.

God gave us many wonderful gifts along the way. We had plenty of snow, so we sledded, built a snow fort, built snowmen, and hiked. We cooked the food that Lynette often made for Christmas, did a puzzle, and even hung a few of the decorations that would have normally adorned the house. Thank you for your prayer for our family in this season of loss and new beginnings!

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