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Prayers:

- It is Ramadan (Muslim fast), pray for the people to question why they are doing the fast.
- Pray for our team, ministry conversations are difficult with people who are tired from fasting.
- Pray for our preparation for a team coming in July.

Important Dates:

- June 27 – teammate and I travel to the capital to pick up the July team and do paper work.
- I may have a language test before June 27

God Story:

- We had a great time with the April/May short term team that was here. 3 Americans and 2 from Nigeria. These 5 men lived with a local pastor for 3 days and encouraged him, walked through Colossians with him and served in ministry with him. It was a great time for all of them. Hopefully it opened the eyes of the guys from Nigeria about the need for them to send others here. They already speak the language and it is easier for them to get here than Americans. In the picture, the white guy is from American and the guy on the right of him in the blue shirt and bright blue pants is from Nigeria.



Donna Johnson – Miracle Hill Ministry, Greenville SC -

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Prayers:

- Praise God for the Miracle Hill in Motion Fundraiser on June 2. We pray that God supplies funds and awareness through the event.

Berkeley Bagwell Gomez – Campus Outreach, San Diego –

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Prayers:

- Our 9-week leadership project begins June 1. Pray for God to work in the lives of the 50 students.
- Pray for Ellia to surrender her heart to Christ – she is close. Pray for Emma who is a committed Christian hungry for community.

God Story:

- A couple weeks ago, I met with Ellia, who was new to our church. As she shared about her spiritual beliefs, I realized she didn't understand the Gospel. After I shared the Gospel with her, she looked in amazement and said that was the first time she understood that God's grace and forgiveness is only offered to us because Christ paid the price of death that we deserved. Praise Jesus! We finished the conversation an hour later and as she walked away. A girl sitting at a table behind us named Emma came up to me and said "So I've been overhearing what you were sharing with that girl for the past 30 minutes and what you said answered some questions that I've had for a long time. Could I come to your church sometime and meet up?" God is so good! He honors our humble efforts to share the gospel with those who are hungry and ready to hear!

Matt Johns – ReChrist Ministries, Norcross, GA – mjohns@re-christ.org

Prayers:

- We will be nomads in June as we wait to move to Arizona in July. Pray for successful close of both houses (May 31 and June 7) and Matt to be able to get the house in AZ ready for us.
- Pray for the establishment of our family and ministry in AZ.
- Pray for God to move in the hearts of saints to be generous givers.

Important Dates:

- June 5-14 – Matt travels to AZ
- June 30-July 5 – Matt & Noah drive to AZ, July 7 Ashley & Eden fly.

God Story:

- When we answered God's call to move to AZ we had no idea how we would fund this move. We did not believe in using ministry funds, but desired to fund it through the sale of our home, knowing that our home was the Lord's. God knew we would need more capital and he provided an 8% increase in the value of our home. This extra revenue will allow us to cover all the cost of our move; the vision trips, home repairs, relocation expenses, and everything in between. Praise the Lord! Be willing to follow Jesus at all cost and watch what the Lord will do!

Brenda Bagwell - Piedmont Women's Center , Greenville SC -

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Prayers:

- Please pray for 2 staff members who continue to have very sick family members. Miracles, courage and encouragement are needed.
- Pray for the Abortion Recovery Assistance summer weekend Bible study, that total healing and forgiveness are received.
- Praises for the new clinic construction, pray for continued progress and protection for materials that are stored in the construction site.

Important Dates:

- October 6 – Annual 5K Fundraiser

God Story:

- A small, intimate service was held at the Renewal Center for the women that completed our Abortion Recovery Assistance program. We praise God for the great things He has done to deliver and set them free from pain, grief, and sin. We pray they will no longer look to harmful substances to medicate their pain of child loss from abortion. We know that they were presented with the truth of God's word through the *Forgiven and Set Free* study and that they were given tools to walk in His complete freedom. We look forward to continuing to partner with Miracle Hill and see other women and men find that same hope and freedom that only Jesus can give.



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Jesus told us in Mark 12 that we should "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength (and) 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" That is easy to say, but not always seemingly easy to do. Sometimes we really just want to pull into the garage, close the door, go inside and shut out the world. But when we sit down and read God's Word, we are constantly reminded that we need to be in the world.

But how? How do we love our neighbor? Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) published a blog called "[3 Practical Ways to Live on Mission in Your Neighborhood](#)". They are very simple and this summer we can all strive to work towards these 3 steps.



Meet Your Neighbors:

- You may already know your neighbors, if so, you are ahead of the game. But take a few moments to write their names down on a piece of paper and write down anything you know about them. Do they have children, hobbies, pets, etc. Put these down on paper so you can better pray for them. If you don't know your neighbors, take a chance and ring their doorbell. Introduce yourself and become a "friendly neighbor".

Serve Your Neighbors:

- Mark 10:45 says "For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve..." So if we are called to serve, how can you serve your neighbors? Be creative, be spontaneous, be willing. Perhaps that young mother with a newborn would be extremely blessed if you bring her a meal that she doesn't have to prepare. Maybe the older couple next door can't really keep their yard mowed. What if you were to just deliver some homemade cookies...with no catch, just cookies. Find some ways to serve them and allow them to know that they are cared for.

Pray For Your Neighbors:

- Remember that list you made in step one, now put it to use as you pray specifically for your neighbors. That neighbor that always tends to annoy you when he mows his yard at 7 AM on Saturday mornings? When you pray for him, you may find that annoyance starts to fade. The couple who stands in their driveway and yells at each other before driving away? As you pray for them to have a love and respect for each other you may find your heart tendered towards them. You may even get an opportunity to share with them that you are praying for them and ask what you could pray for. You may find they are excited and very interested to know more about why you are praying for them.

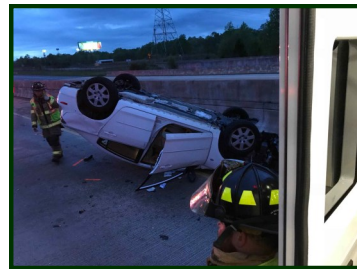
Take some time this summer to get to know, serve and pray for your neighbors. You may just have the best mission trip of your life, standing in your own driveway.

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God Story:

- So what do you do when your car is flipping down Highway 85 at sixty mph with trucks whizzing by? If you're our daughter Sarah, you wonder to yourself what God is teaching you. For her, it was that she was to head to China and teach for two years. So, based on that most unusual of calls (I much preferred my still small voice call to ministry) we would ask for prayer for Sarah as she prepares to leave in July. Pray also for these who are serving the Kingdom from our church; Lauren who is teaching in a Muslim country in Central Asia, Peter who is heading to China to teach, Sam and Brittany in Central Asia with an unreached Muslim people group until mid-June, and Abbie who is serving in South Africa this summer. It is tough on a little church to be without so many of its most vibrant Christ followers, so pray for the church dynamics as well. But also pray a prayer of thanksgiving with us. Our heartbeat is to be a sending church. A few years ago, I was incredibly inspired and challenged by the Chinese church when I heard of their plan to tithe a tenth of their pastors to take the Gospel along the silk road to Jerusalem. Today as I typed, I realized for the first time, that God has allowed us to literally tithe of our membership to take the Gospel to some of the most unreached places on the planet. Thanks be to God for making that happen.

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Prayers:

- Pray for our housing challenge in Massachusetts.
- Pray for our ESL ministry in MetroWest Boston.
- Pray for our VBS events in both MetroWest Boston and Vermont

Important Dates:

- July 12-19 – Rocky Creek students will be leading VBS at MetroWest

God Story:

- A missionary couple has started to help us at our MetroWest Boston church (Framingham) with our ESL (English as a Second Language) outreach ministry last month and God is working. We have enrolled more than 80 students and 85% of them are from our community. It's awesome to make disciples in all nations but it is also great to be a blessing in our own community.



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Prayers:

- We are hosting a huge community event at our facility on June 15 and are expecting 500+. Pray for our preparation and follow up.
- Pray for the 7 people who received Christ this past week at Encounter.
- We are asking the Lord to provide for us to become financially independent. We are close but not there yet. *(David's comment: everything in NE is much more expensive, and the people who are being reached by new churches often have NO idea about tithing therefore it often takes a very long time to become financially independent.)*

Alton Lanier – West Africa Ministry – alanier@charter.net

Prayers:

- As our village family fasts during Ramadan, pray that God would speak to these who have clearly heard the Gospel; Adama, Omar & Adja, young Aliou Cisse, Ousmane.
- Continue to pray for Abdou, our translator as he seeks to support himself AND be involved in ministry.

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Prayers:

- Pray for the hearts of the Muslims in the midst of the annual month long fast (Ramadan) that they would be open to the Gospel.
- My seniors are graduating. I have been their class sponsor for the last 4 years. Pray for upcoming transitions as they say good bye and get ready to move away from their families and the place they consider "home".
- Our school has made an official offer on land for the future school building. If this is God's will we pray everything will come together easily, but if it is not, we pray He will stop the process.

Important Dates:

- June 13 – Graduation (otherwise known as the day of hard goodbyes)
- June 22 – School is finally out for the summer

God Story:

- During May I was able to leave the city and help with the baby/toddler group during my church's annual church camp. It was a great and refreshing time! This sweet little girl was in my group and early one morning she decided to surprise me by decorating my car with some rocks she found while she waited on me to wake up and come out to play. Even though her mom (my good friend) was mortified because my car may have a few new "love marks" on the hood, my little friend was super proud of herself and her handiwork! Hahaha!



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Prayers:

- We are happy for Ana Karen Zanella who graduated from high school.
- Pray for the 2 families whose fathers were deported, Pedro Garcia and Jose Luis Morente.
- Pray for a new family visiting the church, Nelson Rodriguez.
- We welcome sister Paulina as she decided to become a member of the RC Spanish church.

Important Dates:

- July 5-16 – Ecuador Mission Trip

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Prayers:

- Jennifer Bridges (2016 Recipient) has test in June to make sure there is no new cancer. Pray that she would continue in remission.
- Christie Meetze – a newly adopted recipient has chemo this week.
- Tiffany Thomas has stage 4 colon cancer and it seems to be aggressive. Please pray for her.

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Prayers:

- Continued faithfulness and obedience even when I don't see anything happening through my natural eyes.
- For souls to be awakened to the truth of the gospel, especially at this time of Ramadan
- Time in the Word, it's easy to get lazy.
- Retaining the Arabic that I'm learning.
- Boldness in sharing the gospel (Ephesians 6:19)
- Godly friendship with someone
- Continuing making relationships with Nationals (the picture is a group of us sharing a meal with Nationals as they broke their fast for the night)



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Prayers:

- Pray for Sylvester as he leads this ministry with men and women who have been incarcerated.

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Prayers:

- We are on the road through July 19. Please pray as we travel and connect with churches and families seeking ministry support. We are hoping to be fully funded by the end of this trip before our son gets here.
- We really need someone to purchase our coffee business. Pray God will provide the right person at the best price.
- A Muslim student I had a great conversation with a couple of years ago has reached out again. He is wanting to start reading the Bible for better understanding. Pray the Holy Spirit will open his heart to the Gospel.

Skeeter Powell – David's Table, Greenville, SC - skeeter.powell@gmail.com

Prayers:

- One of our son and father families needs prayer. The son has a genetic disorder that causes seizures, lots of them. The mortality rate for those over 20 is over 30% and the son is now 18 years old.

Important Dates:

- June 11-15 our first week at Carolina Point Camp.
- Monday's in the summer our summer Bible study at Tom and Katie's. We are learning from Matthew this summer.

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Prayers:

- Praise God that He has given Suresh and Suseela new jobs that fit their schedule so much better and allow them time to minister together.
- Pray for the "Music of Nations" outreach event on June 16 at the RC Fellowship Hall. Pray unbelievers would come and hear of God.

