

NEWSLETTER

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"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." Galatians 5:22-24

Do you ever get frustrated that you just keep feeling angry, in a bad mood, irritable, or other negative tendencies you have? It's easy to become complacent in our flesh when we aren't being sober-minded and watchful to the lion that is prowling around seeking someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8) You see, Satan wants to see us destroyed. We have to actively pursue and pray for MORE fruit of the Spirit. We have to actively walk by the Spirit and not gratify the desires of the flesh. The fruit of the Spirit is produced through our relationship and intimacy with Jesus. The more you walk with him, the more the fruit you produce will naturally be of the Spirit. Our fleshly desires will always try and creep up on us, even in subtle ways, but you are not called to live in your flesh. You're called to crucify your flesh and all it's passions and desires. Your worldly habits, tendencies, "personality traits", and 'mental health issues" are not excuses to live in the flesh. So, I encourage you today not to sow to please the flesh and from the flesh reap destruction, but to actively sow to please the Spirit and from the Spirit reap eternal life. (Galatians 6:8) Be blessed today and be reminded that you are called to freedom in Christ Jesus!



Send Relief Dallas

God displayed his sovereignty and power during our time in Dallas! It's not very often that God allows us to see dozens of salvations in a matter of a couple days. Through doing 2 grill walks in 2 days, and completing projects for churches, we saw about 17 people make the decision to follow Jesus.

Autumn Bradley met an older man in a heavily Hispanic populated apartment complex in Dallas. As she began to share the Gospel with him, she thought he would be stubborn-hearted and write off what she was saying. However, to her surprise, he wanted to hear more, and invited her and Jeremiah inside. The Holy Spirit was undeniably at work as she continued sharing with the man in his language. His wife and daughter, who seemed to be believers, were in tears as they encouraged the man to make the decision to turn his life over to Jesus. With no hesitation, the man said yes to Jesus, and you could physically feel the power of the Holy Spirit stirring in the room as they prayed. Praise be to God for drawing this man to himself!



Partnering with Send Relief gives us the opportunities to connect with churches and pastors and encourage them to reach out to their own communities with the Gospel. It also provides rich opportunities to build relationships with people who have never shared their faith before and encourage them to be bold! God has opened the doors for Forgotten Ministries to do the grill walk as one of the Send Relief outreaches on several different trips for the remainder of this year. We are excited to watch how God will continue to work through this partnership!



Kansas Mission Team

During Spring break, a team came from Kansas to serve with the ministry and do different outreaches. They served at our park outreach and also helped prepare for it by sorting clothes. They helped to build a covering for the FM trailers and cleaned out one of the ministry houses on campus. They passed out groceries and gave out hamburgers on a grill walk and many of them shared the Gospel and prayed with people for the first time. The team took a trip to a local nursing home and they talked with the people, played worship music, and made salvation bracelets. Naomi, who has been coming with the Kansas team for many years now, played the piano and sang worship songs. After playing worship music, she shared a small message. The message was about not relying on your traditions and religion to get into heaven and be righteous, but it takes a genuine repentance and relationship with Jesus. There are so many people in our own towns that need to hear the true Gospel. Let us not become comfortable in our own lives, but rather go out to those who are lost and deceived and share truth & life.



Romans 5:11— "...but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation"



Kids Program

Youth

"Our youth kids joined us this month for the Kansas mission team that came during Spring break. We have been praying for them and pouring into them intentionally as they start seeking Christ. They spent the week sleeping at our house, and it was the last night before they would be going home.

We had many conversations and teachings about giving up everything and walking the narrow path, and it began to click for a few of them. One of the girls came into my room before bed time and told me that she was ready to give her life to Jesus. She asked dozens of questions and understood that she had to surrender everything. She started her relationship with Jesus that night! Minutes later, another one of the girls came into my room and said she feels God is leading her to give her life to Him. She was in tears as I thoroughly explained the Gospel and how she was loved deeply by God and has a new family now. She let me pray over her and after we finished, she said she feels "clean." Halleluiah!

This was such an encouragement to us. A couple weeks later, at youth night, after sharing my testimony and the Gospel with all the girls, one of them came to me and said she wants to give her life to God. She was drawn to Christ and surrendered her life to him that night!"

-Autumn Bradley



Kids Camp

"Mariah is one of the girls who came to me in my room during the Spring break mission team week, and she's also one of the girls who has been coming to Kids Camp since before I came. She has always been quiet, reserved, and clung to people she felt safe with. That week she blossomed and was excited about telling others about Jesus. She has been coming to youth group for a while with her siblings, so seeds of the Gospel have been growing in her heart for a while. This particular night, God moved on her heart to come and talk to me and to surrender her whole life to Jesus. God has been moving in Mariah's whole family for about 2 years now. After both her parents and older sister gave their lives to Jesus, it was her day for salvation! This goes to show how important it is to plant seeds of the Gospel in the hearts of children and be consistent voices of truth in their lives! Glory to God!" - Autumn Bradley



Oasis Program

This month , the Oasis Program held a graduation ceremony and dinner for 3 of the guys who completed the Program; Kemper, Nick, and Aaron. Praise the Lord! The Lord changed the lives of 2 of the men in a radical way and they will be continuing to serve at Forgotten Ministries for the foreseeable future.

Nick, who graduated the program this month, has been completely transformed by the power of Jesus. He wanted to be baptized in a small pond during a small retreat we did at a farm this month. Before Nick was baptized, he said he never could have imagined that he would be standing here, and God has truly changed his life and he is a completely new creation through Christ. This is a testimony of Gods power and proof that he can change anyone and use anyone to bring himself glory!

Aaron, who graduated this month says: "I approached this time in the Program surrendering everything to Jesus. I was dead in sin but now I am alive in Christ. And I thank God everyday for His grace which I did not deserve."





Food Ministry

God has been moving us in the direction of food ministry for a while now. He has continued to confirm this calling time and time again by opening undeniable doors that could have only opened by Him. This month, the endeavor continued in full steam as some of the staff made phone calls looking for food donations. During one of the phone calls, the wife of the man on the other line had heard from God that very morning that they needed to connect Forgotten Ministries with someone they know who does food ministry. As the connections are continuing to be formed, the doors are being opened and God is paving the way to do more food ministry. The food ministry will be another way to bring people in and have an opportunity to share the hope of the Gospel with them while they are perhaps in their darkest times. God knows what He is doing, even if we haven't seen the full picture yet. He has proven himself trustworthy time and time again throughout the past generations and he has never and will never change. More updates on the food ministry will be coming soon!

