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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pray for students as they may encounter difficult situations at home.

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Pray for the students to come to know Jesus in a real relationship where He is all they need for their worth.

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Dear RE-CHRIST Supporters

God is a deliverer, amen! On February 13, 2017 RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES celebrated its 10th Anniversary as an official non-profit corporation. Ministry had started preceding this date, but this was our official date of conception as an organization. We thank God for each of you who have blessed us over the years with your lovingkindness in words and deeds. Truly, this was a milestone in my personal journey. Thirteen years ago I was delivered from sin and death, substance abuse addictions, and was brought into the kingdom of God. My prayer at the start of the ministry was for God to allow me the opportunity to have longevity in the ministry so that I might grow in Him, being prepared for future endeavors, and learn to be a man. Before this job my life was tattered with irresponsibility and short term jobs. This led to fears of failure, thoughts of inadequacy, lack of self-confidence, and nothing to show for nearly thirty years of life; oh what a terrible demise to be in as an individual. I am so thankful God is not a respecter of persons and seeks to redeem all people. He answered my prayers and gave me a new life. Although I have much to learn as a man and a Minister of the Gospel, God as placed me on a solid foundation in Christ Jesus! Jesus you are worthy to be praised!

Thank you for giving to RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES. It has been such a rewarding and challenging experience to be a self-supported missionary for the past ten years. I was recently asked what valuable lesson I learned this year in ministry. My response was, "the immense respect and honor for life time self-supported missionaries." Over the past two months your support has enabled us to preach the Gospel, take middle and high school students to a Christian experience filled with gifted speakers and 10 worship artist called Winter Jam, host a team of college students on mission from Minnesota, provide a fun field trip to a bounce house facility for our elementary students when they had a day off from school, benevolent gifts for two families, and a mission trip to India at the end of the month. When we surrender to the Lord, God is glorified, and as He is glorified He will supply all one needs to complete the assignments He has called one to do. Over the years we have witnessed both side of the financial equation. There have been times of abundance and times of severe drought, but the Lord has always provided what we needed, when we needed it. Thank you for being part of the Lord's will!

In addition to the above mentioned items we also started working with a new ministry on the campus of a local college. It has been a blessing to meet with the college students of Gwinnett College of Georgia and share Christ with them. I have had opportunity to do

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) PRAY FOR ALL OF THE STUDENTS AS THEY BEGIN TO STUDY FOR MILESTONE TESTING.**
- 2) PRAY FOR STUDENTS AS THEY CONTINUE TO HEAR THE GOSPEL THAT IT WILL PENETRATE THEIR HEART.**
- 3) PRAY FOR MATT AND HIS TRIP TO SE ASIA AT THE END OF MARCH. PRAY THAT MANY LIVES WILL BE CHANGED AND ENCOURAGEMENT WILL BE RECEIVED!**

“Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.'”
Lamentations 3:22-24

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some evangelism on campus and the new relationships I am forming with the student body are presenting additional opportunities to mentor individuals in evangelism. Furthermore, I have been asked to preach at the Thursday night worship service this month. I am thankful to God for speaking engagements he continues to provide me. This year I have been blessed to speak at Victory Home and GracePointe Community Church on a consistent basis. I long to witness God grow me in this area of ministry. What a privilege it is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Last month we hosted our 5th annual Run to Love 5K Race and Kids' Chaos Run. My hat is off to Ashley for another wonderful fundraiser. This race was conceived within my wife, birthed from within my wife, and executed each year by my wife hard. I am simply a helper to her concerning the planning and executing of the 5K event. I do praise the Lord that she keeps me busy so that I do not have to actually run the race, ha! However, this year I did walk my first official 5K for one of our students who runs track at the local high school. Actually, God enabled us to sponsor some other student racers to run the high school 5K, and our 5K (this also is associated to your giving). It was a blessing to witness our students supporting each other and the ministry they have been part for many years. To God be the glory, amen!

Finally, a message from the home front. This year, February 22, Noah turned six years old. He is such a blessing and a joy of ours. This year Noah and I have been on a quest of 100 days of prayer in addition to our morning devotional before school and our family time of worship twice a week. The prayer emphasis is to help train Noah how to think about prayer, (who, what, when, where, why, and how) and to see how God answers prayer. Thursday of this week Ashley, Noah, and I will attend a Toby Mac concert and worship the Lord together. This was his birthday gift. Also, we all feel much safer in our home now that Noah is taking Karate. The boy is filled with ideas about what to do if bad guys come into our home. The community karate class might be the best comic relief during my week. It is something else watching the kids stretch, do push-ups and sit-ups, and learn new karate moves. I was able to witness to a man named Moses this week. Pray for other opportunities with to share Christ with the parents.

Ashley and I have also been focused on prayer this year. After ten years of ministry you start thinking what will the next ten years look like. Therefore, we have been revisiting things in our lives that we know God has called us to do, but has not yet fulfilled. Ironically, Ashley and I are reading a book on prayer that discusses the important discipline of continuing to circle prayers and promises God has spoken. It has the notion of circling the walls of Jericho and pressing forward in prayer until the breakthrough happens. How often do we get right to the point of breakthrough and then slow down because we lose hope. We need to keep



pressing forward believing God for the things He has promised, amen! This is a main theme with the work at GracePointe Community Church. The church plant we are helping to grow. Finally, baby Eden. Yay, she is sleeping through the night, but now is staying awake during the day. Ashley was hoping she would have some nap time during the day, but right now it is a struggle for a consistent nap time. Pray for Ashley's sanity as she continues to love and support this amazing young girl. Pray for me as I continue to love and support this amazing woman I have married. Eden is precious, and experiencing the life cycle again has only strengthened our appreciation for the blessing and gift of children. However, you folks with large families took on the double and triple portions of grace. Our hats off to you! I head to India March 30-April 9th. Pray for this celebration and for a fruitful time in the Lord. Pray also for the next few months of student ministry. Pray for fertile hearts and faithfulness to teach and live the Gospel before these precious souls. Pray also for wisdom and revelation as we begin to think through the summer task ahead of us. Thank you; PS- the pie in the face picture is one of our servant-volunteers being a great sport as this was the prize from the Bible trivia at one of the after school programs. Praise God for all of those who serve alongside us!

Brother in Christ
Matt Johns







