



RE-CHRIST

CONCEPTS 21 MINISTRY UPDATE

**PRAY FOR ESL
CLASSES**

**PRAY FOR EASTER
CELEBRATION
MARCH 27**

**PRAY FOR SUMMER
READING PROGRAM**

**PRAY PLANNING
FUNDRAISER DINNER
TBA**

**PRAY FOR LOCAL
CHURCH
PARTNERSHIPS**

YDC NEWS

Pray God's Power on the
Facility

Pray for Bold witnesses
within the residents

Pray for Christian
Administration

Pray for potential changes in
outreach methods

Dear RE-CHRIST Supporters

Wow, it is hard to believe two months of the New Year have already come and gone. In those two months much has been happening with RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES. To attempt to keep this to a minimum content update I will not delay and most of the content will be informational to help get you caught from the last two months. I know some of you just laughed out loud as I said minimum and content concerning my writing. That's ok—get it all out, laugh it up, here goes nothing.

At the end of last year I went through several small trials, the main one being exhaustion. I needed to renew my heart again in God's strength and during New Year's weekend I was able to do just that. For the past four years I have meet with a group of men from 7 different states to fellowship, pray, worship, and evangelize inner city Charlotte. This year I was blessed to speak during the closing Sunday service of that celebration. My message was a charge from God's Word concerning His second coming. It is easy for people to go about their lives and never give much thought to the second coming of Christ, but the Word of God teaches Christians should be longing and ready for Him at any moment. If Christians lived their lives more with this expectation we would see a tremendous difference in our relationship with the world. And on the flip side of the coin those who don't know Christ need to realize in an instant their world could be changed for all of eternity if they are caught unprepared at Christ's return. The Bible tells a story of 10 virgins waiting for the bridegroom, five of them were prepared and five of them were not. The bridegroom returned, at a moment of his choice, for his bride and the five unprepared virgins were out making preparations for their bridegroom's return. Consequently the five unprepared virgins were locked out of the church. They came banging on the door to get in, but the bridegroom answered the door and said, "depart from me I never knew you." This is how it will be at the second coming of Christ. All the second, third, and fourth chances of life are given to us right now. At the second coming of Christ there will be no more opportunity for those who don't know Jesus through a personal relationship as Savior and Lord. The five prepared virgins represent those who believe and follow Jesus Christ here on the earth and the five unprepared virgins are those who doubt the person of Jesus Christ and do not have a personal relationship with him.

Most of the month of January served as a planning month, taking a 14 hour training course to teach English as a second language class through the North American Mission Board and setting ministry goals and objectives. We were gearing up to begin our new after school program at the Valencia apartments, who had

VALENCIA

Pray for 5 more students

Pray for Whit and me as we work each Wednesday

Pray for next year's volunteers to work 2-3 day program

Pray for the spring outing
April 24

Pray for new relationships with us and residents

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for 2010 Budget

Pray for 2010 Ministry Goals

Pray for Ministry Networking (key people we need to find)

Pray for continued guidance for this ministry.

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a management personnel change, and our new English classes at the Corners apartments. Both of these projects have been in the mix since the middle



of last year and oh what a blessing it is to see them finally coming to pass. We are so very excited and blessed to have the opportunity to build more relationships for Christ. These two projects have added numerous hours to an already busy week, but each time we have an English class or each time we meet with the new kids at Valencia all the hard work seems so very worth it. Last week the kids at Valencia pleaded with us to come and work with them more than one day. Please pray for our laborers. And yesterday as I made the decision to cancel our English class due to bad weather I could see disappointment on the faces of the adults. God is moving; please pray with us that Jesus would capture the hearts of many new people through RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES.

Also in January we were blessed to testify before a couple of groups of people concerning our trip to West Africa at the end of 2009. Rocky Creek Baptist in Greenville South Carolina played host to one of the speaking engagements and a local Norcross businessmen's Bible study was host to the other speaking engagement. Around mid January, with the help of a brother in Christ, I was able to put together a three minute DVD RE-CHRIST highlight reel from the past 3 plus years of service. We will prayerfully be able to use this tool when reaching out to local churches in our community. Courses at Liberty University began for me, again, in the month of January; I only had 8 books to read, 12 papers to write and many other weekly assignments due within an 8 week period. I have finals next week and four more papers to write. Please keep me in your prayers.

At the close of January Peachtree Corners Baptist, my home church, hosted its annual Mission Conference. Ashley was the MC for the ladies brunch on Saturday morning and for the second year in a row I was asked to MC the Saturday worship service and time of prayer. I find it fitting that God has truly challenged Ashley and me this year to increase our time of prayer for our marriage and home, and then our ministry. I am sincerely working on spending a minimum of one hour, at one seating, every day in prayer (this does not include my Bible reading). I have become more strategic in what I pray and my desire is to build a discipline and endurance for longevity of personal intimate prayer time with God. I believe in all my heart it is through the power of



prayer that we will see the hand of God change lives all around us. I am not boasting to you, rather I am challenging you to do more than I for the kingdom of God.

February was a fun filled month. Ashley and I were able to get away for a few days and go skiing in the Colorado Rockies. We visited Steamboat Springs with two other couples. Many special thanks to my in-laws for providing us with a free place to stay. It was so wonderful to get away with my sweet wife and relax in God's beautiful creation. While traveling and riding the lifts I shared Jesus with three people. Pray for Fiona, Brain, and Webster; they all

need Jesus. Lord I thank you for all of the servants who work alongside us each week at RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES. We currently have 21 servants of God working with us each week and they are an amazing bunch. I can't thank God enough for bringing them to us. They are the backbone of our efforts and they are to be praised for continuing God's work when we are not around. Please pray a blessing over all of these servants.

Last week Cornerstone Church in Hartwell, GA hosted a fundraiser dinner for RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES, thank you! Ashley has been diligently at work learning more about RE-CHRIST accounting and book keeping. We are making some shifts in our administration practices so please continue to keep us in prayer as we grow. There is so much more to RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES than our outreach. This year I have petitioned two foundations for support of our ministry. We desire to create a computer lab for the people of the Corner's apartments, but we will need funding from Foundations to do this project. Please pray that God would have favor on us with our petitions to the John and Mary Franklin Foundation and the Community Foundation of Northeast Georgia. Please continue to pray for our general budget as well. We are off to a slow start this year, but God is faithful! Amen! February has also served as a reminder to us the love Jesus

is pouring out on the 45 children we service each week. God continues to allow us to see change in their lives and He reassures us of His promise that He desires no man, woman, or child to perish, yet, rather He wants them to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Every time we share Jesus with these 45 children and 10 adults in the ESL program they get closer and closer to knowing Christ personally, amen!

In closing I want to remind you about praying for the YDC. There has been a large amount of violence from the residents throughout the week. The staff has requested the help of the Lord through prayer. Pray also that the ministry leaders begin rethinking their methodology and





approach to sharing Jesus. There is talk of extending the time from one to two hours with the residents and teaching on specific subjects like rebellion, respect, purity, and others to help these troubled youth. Pray for our ability to have extended times of discipleship with the residents. One last announcement: Ashley and I also teach an adult Sunday school class at our local church. The class is progressing and on March 27 our class will be hosting an Easter Celebration for the Corner's apartments. Typically there have been around 200 men, women, and children attend this event in the past. Pastor Alex, our Spanish pastor friend, will be giving a bi-lingual message to the people and then we will have food and games for the community. Pray for this outing; its planning, its message, the connection of the Church and the people, pray God would save the lost, and pray for the weather and for all to have a joyful time. Thank you all for your prayers, love, and support for RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES.



Brother in Christ
Matt Johns

We know it is not Christmas, but wanted to share pictures of our Christmas Celebration with the kids at The Corners! Enjoy! And may you be reminded of the Father's love as He send His Only Son!

