

GRACE AND GLORY

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GEARING UP FOR THE SUMMER!

Thank you again for all your prayers and support in these last couple of months. As we gear up for summer camp we ask for your continued prayers. Last year our focus was in God's name to be known through every aspect of camp and ministry. This summer our memory verse's focus is on Philippians 2:1-8. Focusing on the humility of Christ and ourselves as staff and campers. As the summer goes on the kids build on each week with a verse and if they make it to the end of the summer with all 8 verses they earn a camp sweatshirt. We started this last year. We were amazed and thankful at the amount of kids that were committed to memorizing the scripture. This year as we go forward we hope that the scripture being alive continues to breathe life into them and that kids' lives are impacted.

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TOPICS OF PRAYER

- * Summer Camp
- * Potential Property
- * Local Children
- * Staff
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- * Kids Club

Summer camp is one of our greatest joys of ministry here. With inflation we have seen a reduction in numbers for the beginning of the year. We are still scholarshiping kids and excited to get as many kids into camp to hear and experience the love of Jesus Christ. Two small local churches had fundraisers to raise money for kids to go to camp. This was such a blessing to us and enabled us to get more kids here that would never be able to afford it. As you pray, pray for the lives of the kids to be touched as well as the counselors that work with them daily. We are so excited for this year and expecting for God to show up in so many ways. Alyse recently took a substitute nurse position at a local school for 2 weeks and eyes were opened to so much more need than ever seen before. If you want to get a glimpse of the heart of God, be in the local schools. One situation that broke her heart was cleaning a kiddo up in the sink because he was sent in with feces and urine all over him. They came back later in the week asking for the "doctor" to give them another sink bath. As we minister here, there is such a range of kids that we encounter. Some are from neglect, some are from extreme poverty, some are from stable homes but regardless of their station, all need Christ. As a ministry we are reaching out to these kids, praying that doors and hearts are open in not only the child's life but also their family. Pray that this summer above all else God's name will be known.

STAFF

Pray for our staff and counselors for the summer. That God gives them super natural energy and the love of Christ radiates through them. For the counselors that their relationship with God will deepen more this summer than it ever has before. Come alongside us in prayer for Dan, Sandy, Danny, Alyse, Kevin, Rohan and Emily. Rohan and Emily just welcomed their baby boy in April! Such a fun and tiring time as they adjust to being new parents. Pray for good sleep and for God to continually work through them as they work with the kids at long days of camp. Danny and Alyse will welcome a baby at the end of the summer. Alyse is due on the very last day of camp. Their goal is to be able to finish the race strong as they direct camp this summer. Pray for Dan, Sandy and Kevin as they do so much for the ministry and work still like they are in their 20's, pray that their energy matches their abilities.

BUILDING

On a building note, we have added more to camp to make camp fun for all the kids involved. We needed to expand the camp office because it was not originally built to be a camp office. We added a place for parents to be waiting for their kids. This is still in the works and will most likely be finished after camp as our direction has turned to the parts of camp that are utilized most by the kids. Fencing around the field has been completed to help contain games. An addition to the obstacle course is also in the works with a warp wall and monkey bars. We believe that this will be such an asset to our campers and the field trips that come and visit us. We have so many visions and excitements of how as a ministry we can grow and help the local church and community. The property next to us is up for sale. This is a huge desire of the ministry to be able to purchase and expand ministry. We have seen God show up in so many ways here and He has been so faithful.

*To God be the Glory,
The staff of Grace and Glory Ministries*

KIDS CLUB

We just finished our last kids club before the summer this past Friday. It has been so much fun to work with these 3rd-6th graders. Our goal is to continue this throughout the school year. We still had about 35 kids each week. We would love to make this more of a biweekly or weekly thing for the kids. Please come alongside us in prayer for more volunteers that are excited about spending time with kids and leading them to the Lord. It is very easy for us to feel like we are in it by ourselves, but that is not the case. I am writing this right before we have 45 kids here from a local school district for a field trip. We have had about 500 kids come through on field trips. We as staff were tired but ready to go into the day. We were reminded of Exodus 17: 10-13. "So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword."

This seems like a silly analogy but as Christians sometimes we need to admit we need a Aaron and a Hur. Or sometimes we need to be the Aaron and the Hur. We had 2 friends show up that day to help us with the field trip and they were that for us. They lended those hands when we were growing weary and it uplifted our eyes to the goodness of who God is and how he sees our weariness. Their mere presence before it even began showed us that God is so, so faithful. Even in the small things. Continue to pray with us in the big and in the small that our eyes never forget the goodness of who God is. Also, pray for more hands to be able to run the race strong and have more people experience the love of Christ.

We are so thankful for your continued prayers and support throughout the years. Your help in prayers and donations has allowed us to continue in ministry. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are getting this letter because you have been an Aaron or a Hur to us whether it is big or small. Your faithfulness in prayer and donations has enabled us to impact the local community and churches.