

April 30, 2012

Dear friends and partners,

We pray you are well as the end of Spring semester is drawing near with final exams beginning this week. We praise God for His grace, strength and wisdom in regards to our work on the campus as I complete <u>my 23rd year of vocational campus ministry</u>. As King David wrote, "But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works." <u>Psalm 73:28</u>

April "flew by" as we have stayed quite active with ministry activities and our kids' sporting events. Thank God that Lydia can drive now! We continue to meet numerous students during our time on campus who are quite deceived and misinformed about Jesus, the Bible and true Christianity. It is amazing how far from TRUTH our culture has drifted over the last 30-40 years. The "offspring" of the 60's and 70's generations are "philosophical captives" simply "believing" and living out what they have heard, seen and been taught (or not taught). As Paul wrote, "Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body." Colossians 2:8-9 NLT So, keep praying for this "lost generation" to discover Jesus and His power to change their lives!



"The Good News" is that God is raising up a new generation of leaders on the campuses who are desirous of working with the Lord in impacting their generation for Christ. There is HOPE for AMERICA as passionate young disciples of Christ "rise up" across our nation and fulfill their destinies in God. Please be praying for these faithful students during their exams and over the Summer season. Some students involved in our ministry will be in Summer school while others will be working. May the "hand of the Lord" be upon them in all of their endeavors!

Georgia Tech Chi Alpha students at an end of the semester dinner party

Many years ago, a long term friend and administrative help to our ministry, gave me a bumper sticker with the following message, "Faith is Living by Invisible Means of Support." This message has encouraged me greatly over the years of being a "support-based" campus worker. However, over the last several years I have not focused on the "form" of our faith based ministry, that is developing new partnership relationships, speaking engagements, etc. Thus, our monthly financial support has declined over this period of time as partner dynamics and economic conditions have changed. So, over the coming months, I will be devoting much of my work time to the "financial side" of our lives and ministry including developing a ministry web-site with the help of a GT alumni who was involved in our campus group. Yep, Bart the "techno-dinosaur" is moving into the 21st century! Also, when the Summer semester and new student orientation programs begin, we will continue our ministry on the campuses a few days a week. Please pray for our family and for increase in our financial support during the coming months. Thanks!

We greatly appreciate your prayer and financial support. Your partnership with us is vital to our fulfilling the <u>functional role God has called us to in reaching and teaching university students for Jesus</u>. Have a great month and please let us know if we can be of service.

Your campus missionaries,

Bart, Michelle & the Jones kids



"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

Corrie ten Boom, Dutch Christian, known for rescuing Jewish people during WWII, author of *The Hiding Place*, 1971