

June 30, 2012

Dear friends and partners,



"...Jesus said to them, 'You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Mark 10:42-45

I pray this letter finds you and your family well during this hot Summer weather. Thank God for the smart inventors/engineers who over the years developed HVAC machines to keep us from "overheating." We are a blessed people in the good 'ole USA!

This month has sped by with kid activities (baseball, swimming) and student ministry work involving disciple-ship meetings and new student orientations. As I reflect back, I am so grateful for the many friendships we have with other parents with kids involved in youth sports. Managing our "Jones 5" can be a challenge, but, we truly "...get by with a little help from our friends."

On a much larger scale than our family, I believe the virtue of <u>service to others</u> is a bedrock to a healthy, and perhaps happier, culture and society. Sadly, many in leadership roles in our nation have drifted from this principle and have abused their position and influence for selfish ends. Thus, we are **trying our best to model service** as well as to **instruct students involved in our ministry in servant leadership**. William Barclay, the late N.T. scholar and author writes, "The world needs people whose ideal is service... Every economic problem would be solved if men lived for what they could do for others and not for what they could get for themselves. Every political problem would be solved if the ambition of men was only to serve the state and not to enhance their own prestige. The divisions and disputes which tear the church asunder would for the most part never occur if the only desire of its office-bearers and its members was to serve it without caring what position they occupied. When Jesus spoke of the supreme greatness and value of the man whose ambition was to be a servant, he laid down one of the greatest practical truths in the world."

**Thank you** for **your partnership** with us through prayer and financial support. <u>Your service to the Lord and us</u> is a great blessing — we are eternally grateful! Please contact us if we can be of help?

Your campus missionaries,

## Bart, Michelle & the Jones kids



"...It cannot be emphasized too often or too strongly that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Patrick Henry



## Have a Great Independence Day!

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." 2 Corinthians 3:17