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Dear friends and partners,

We hope that you and your family are well. Truly, we are living in amazing, perhaps historic times in the early part of the 21st century. From devastating storms, wars and economic uncertainty to "heated" governmental and political division, the world in which we live is filled with fear and uncertainty. However, though we don't know what lies in the future, we can know the God of the future! May He give us grace to "...press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14



Twenty four years ago today, as I walked out of Suntrust Bank, I began a journey of faith in a new vocation of "support-based" campus ministry. I wasn't sure at the age of 24, what the future had in store? However, I knew that the Lord had called me to "GO" back to the university campuses to preach the Gospel and to teach the truths of Scripture. Over the years on this journey, I have seen many students (and others) come and go. God has encouraged me through the passage in John 21:15-23 in which Jesus challenges Peter to love Him by serving others and to stay focused on his calling not someone else's. In commenting on this passage, William Barclay writes, "Let a man serve Christ where Christ has set him. As Jesus said to Peter: 'Never mind the task that is given to someone else. Your job is to follow me.' That is what He still says to each one of us. Our glory is never in comparison with other men; our glory is the service of Christ in whatever capacity He has allotted to us."

As I often say, "There is never a dull day in campus ministry." Whether Christian or non Christian, every student is unique having a "life story" and belief system that shapes their daily choices and actions. Thus, we must have a "listening ear," patience and a motivation of love in our ministry to them. For example, I am regularly meeting with a zealous Muslim Doctoral student from Morocco at Georgia Tech, Outmane, whom I mentioned in a past letter. I have been reading about the history of Islam (and Muhammad) as well as parts of the Koran in order to get more understanding and discernment on how to work with the Spirit in "touching" Outmane's heart and mind. Though our meetings are not always "easy", I believe the true prophet and Savior Jesus is revealing Himself to Outmane. Please pray for him!

We **thank God** and **you** for your <u>prayer and financial support</u> over the years. **Your partnership** enables us to continue to "*teach and preach Jesus as the Christ*" on the campuses. Please contact us if we can be of service and we hope you have a great month of <u>THANKSGIVING</u> to our Lord!

Your campus missionaries,

Bart, Michelle & the Jones Kids



Fall Faces of Jacob Jones

Making a tackle during a recent game and being the ball boy at his school's game





"God-devotion makes a country strong; God-avoidance leaves people weak."

Proverbs 14:34 The Message

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan." Proverbs 29:2