

A WORLD STILL IN NEED OF A SAVIOR

What a crazy world we live in. It reminds us that we live in a world still in need of a Savior and Healer. We all need physical, relational, and spiritual healing. It reminds me that I am still in need of a Savior.

“And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it.” Jeremiah 29:7

“When he (Jesus) saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” Matthew 9:36

Jesus, give us your compassion for the harassed and helpless around us. Remind us of our helpless dependence upon you. Please bring peace on earth. We know ultimate peace will not come until you return. Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

A LETTER OF THANKS TO YOU

Before quarantine, we received a letter from a former student expressing thanks for our ministry in Germany. I told her that her thank you is extended to everyone who has prayed for and given financially to make this ministry possible. So, I asked if I could share her letter with you. Here it is:

Dear Kevin and Sharon,

I don't know if you remember me, but my name is Rebekah and I was one of your youth kids when y'all were stationed in Ramstein, Germany. You might remember my little brother since we were together a lot of the time (he says “hi” by the way).

Anyways, the reason I am writing is to say thank you. You both poured into me so much, and I would not be where I am now without the love of Christ that you both showed me every Tuesday night. I am a sophomore at Texas A&M and my family lives in College Station, Texas. I attend a church in the area called Central, and they have a weekly women's Bible study for college students.

Last night our Bible study leader told us that sometime this week we should contact and say thank you to a person that played a major role in our walk with Christ. I chose you two. I just wanted to thank you both for what you gave up in order to continue God's kingdom and love on kids that weren't even your own. You both loved on me through my dad's deployment and encouraged my siblings and me to never stop pursuing Christ. You both have such a gift when it comes to creating a safe environment where youth can be vulnerable. When my mom took me out of school my ninth-grade year because of bullying, the youth group was where I found community. When my family first moved to College Station, we were desperate to find a Christian community that would help us grow like yours did. I am so happy that we found Central, but we wouldn't have known what to look for if it hadn't been for you.

I am now a bible study leader at my church for the tenth-grade girls. It is the best decision I ever made, but it is also one of the most emotionally and spiritually draining things I have ever done. The girls that I teach have my heart completely and I so desperately want them to fall in love with Christ. I have faith that God will help them grow with time. It has made me appreciate the type of heart it takes to love on youth. You two must have a crazy amount of love in your hearts to have loved me, my brother, and everyone in our youth group so intensely. I can't even begin to fully express how grateful I am for that.

Thanks, and gig'em,
Rebekah



Social distanced prayer for volunteer who is moving



Sharon leading worship at Chapel at the Rota Base Drive-In Theater



Rebekah worshipping on Hungary Mission Trip 2015



Ethan running the tech for Villa Youth Youtube Live during quarantine



Panel Discussion on Racial Reconciling before Quarantine

PRAISES

- The Escape Retreat got to happen in February and was a huge success
- The Villa Youth has started meeting in person again
- Rebekah's story
- Our residency renewal was approved

PRAYER REQUESTS

- This newsletter was written prior to the tragic death of one of our students in a car accident earlier this month. Thank you to the many of you who have been praying for our community. God is moving. Please continue to pray for this family and our community.
- Pray for Gary, a student who is a chameleon whose attitudes and actions change depending on who is around. We are not sure if he has a relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for wisdom as our two ministries meet together for the summer and that this will bless our students, families, and community.
- Pray for new volunteers. All but two of our volunteers move next week. The final two move this fall.
- Pray for a new ship being stationed at Rota and all the family members associated with it, that they could connect with God's people when they get here.

Rebekah's story displays the extended impact we all get to have through this ministry: Exalting Christ through the lives of transformed military people wherever they live. Because of your faithful prayers and giving, tenth-grade girls in College Station are falling in love with Jesus. Thank you. You are a part of students in Rota meeting Christ for the first time and you are a part of how God is using them to redeem more people wherever they go. Thank you. To God alone be the glory!



QUICK UPDATE ON THE SCHEIBLES AND THE VILLA YOUTH MINISTRY

While I realize this is still not possible for everyone, the Villa Youth is meeting in person again. It has been so great to be together, even if we're playing weird, socially-distanced games. This July we will experiment with meeting with the on-base youth ministry for a few weeks.

Spain now allows free movement but requires masks in all public spaces. Our family is healthy and can resume most normal activities. We are all enjoying Ethan's new paddleboard. Thank you for your prayers for us.

Some have asked how we are doing financially in light of COVID-19. God has been so generous through you. Our ministry account is the healthiest it has been in five years, and we were able to enjoy a cost of living raise for the first time since 2015. However, we still need to raise more regular monthly giving to be fully funded.

We also want to know how you are doing financially and how we can help you. Please let us know if you have experienced loss of employment or income so we can pray and possibly give to you. For our planning purposes, please let us know if you need to reduce or pause your giving.



Grace and peace to you,
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