

October Prayer Letter

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Prayer Requests

- Praise God for an amazing fall retreat (pictured above). The students grew closer to each other & closer to God.
- Pray that our small groups would continue to grow and that new leaders would be raised up to lead them.
- Pray that we would be able to find a new home.

Short Term Trip Update

Thank you for praying for our trip to Latin America! We had an excellent experience. We were able to help the church by painting their recreational center and we enjoyed the fellowship with other believers.



This has been an exciting month of outreach to college students at Iowa State University! God has been moving in incredible ways! Thank you so much for your support of this ministry! First, let me tell you a little about myself. Although I didn't grow up going to church, as a junior in high school I began attending a Bible study that met once a week before school. When I saw how seriously the people there took the Bible and a relationship with God, I wanted to learn more and I started reading the Bible on my own. One night during the spring of that year, as I was reading my Bible I finally understood why Jesus died for my sins, and I made him the Lord and Savior of my life!

I went to college at Iowa State University about a year and a half later. Then I got involved with a local church and campus ministry affiliated with Great Commission Ministries. The people I met there helped me to understand how much the world needs to hear about Jesus. Over the course of my college years, I had many opportunities to share my faith with other young women and help them in turn learn to do the same.

As I thought about life after college, I could imagine nothing more rewarding than continuing to build into the lives of college students. Over five thousand new students come to the Iowa State Campus every year, and the ideas they learn while in college will shape how they live the rest of their lives. I am excited to have the opportunity to work full-time to influence these students for Christ. The organization that makes it possible for me to do this is Great Commission Ministries (GCM). The best way to sum up who GCM is would be to say that Great Commission Ministries is a world-wide church planting, church growth and leadership development ministry that focuses on youth. The vision of GCM is "to see leaders raised up and trained who can plant multiplying churches and reach their campuses and countries for Jesus Christ." I've enclosed some additional information about GCM.

Great Commission Ministries can't accomplish this vision alone. College students can barely afford to pay for college, much less fund campus outreach and church planting. We need to find other people who are excited about what we are doing and want to join with us. In order to work full time as a missionary to college students, I need to develop a team of prayer and financial partners for Great Commission Ministries. Would you prayerfully consider helping GCM with a monthly commitment of \$100, \$50, or \$35 per month? Thank you very much for your consideration and prayer!

In Christ, *Joe and Jane*

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

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