

Burkey Beacon

Helping Reach the Campus

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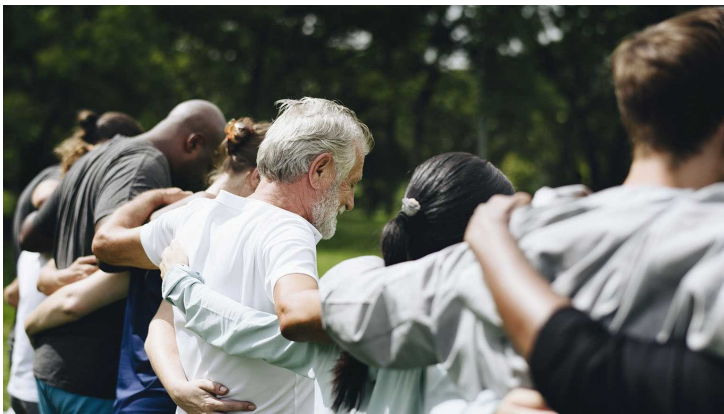
Dear Friend,

We are thankful, so thankful for the part you play in this ministry to college and high school students. Your prayers, financial investments, ideas, encouragement and love keep our hearts filled and zeal strong to help connect students to Jesus. We pray your Thanksgiving celebrations can be filled with family, and if possible during COVID, even some acquaintances that you know of, that need your invitation to share a festive meal and fellowship in the Lord. The model picture of the New Testament Church is found in Acts 2:42-47. Note the concern for one another and personal sacrifice of property and possessions in order to care for each other.



"⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Along with you, a few precious people with glad and sincere hearts have been modeling sacrifice and care to our family recently. I need to experience it and feel the Lord's love through them. It deters my own greed and desire to possess land and build a self-sufficient mini-kingdom of my own on it. I sense such a battle inside my heart



between focusing on worldly pursuits and investing in Jesus' eternal kingdom.

Please consider these verses:

Do not get focused on worldly pursuits. "No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer" [who is Jesus of course]. 2 Timothy 2:4

Do not love the world. "¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and

the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever." 1 John 2:15-17

Let your love for God and others be full of action not just sentiment. ¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence..." 1 John 3:16-19

Would you **please pray** that Amy and I would neither love nor conform to the pattern of this world, but would practically lay down our lives for others with glad and sincere hearts, and that as a result, God would be glorified and our hearts would be put at rest in God's presence? We'll pray the same for you.

Ohio State University-Newark

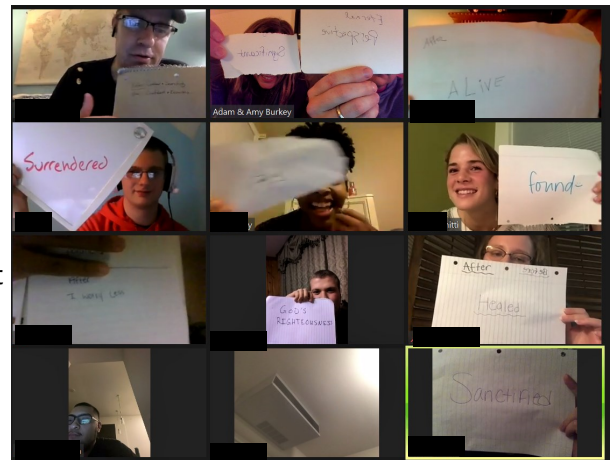
At an evangelism training of a local ministry, we ran into Paige, who was part of Cru at Ohio U when she was a student. We found out that now she was leading a growing Bible group for young people in her home near OSU-N. Amy and I took her to breakfast to see if we could help in any way. She was so encouraging to us! She is finishing her basement because her living room is becoming too small for the 18 students and young people attending. What a great problem to have. After our breakfast and Amy followed up with her, she emailed us, "Thank you so much, Amy! This is really great information to have, and I've added the events to my list of announcements for our group this week. My meeting with the leaders in the group went really well, and I think everyone is on board with the vision for moving forward. I'll be sure to keep you updated as we continue to grow and multiply. I can't thank you enough for taking me to breakfast on Saturday. **I left feeling so encouraged, supported, and excited for what God has in store for us!**" That was exactly what we hoped the Lord would do. We had very little to do with her ministry success, but we hope to come alongside and help in any way she needs it. One way we can help her is asking you to pray for her. **Please pray** for her ministry to young people to grow and that leaders would be raised up to multiply groups and to serve in missions.



Cru Connect Bible Studies

For many students, their college is online only. Amy and I have been connecting with nine students in a weekly study. These students attend different universities come from different backgrounds and different

racess. One girl is an on-fire believer now, but before she met Christ she was into witchcraft. She now is full of joy and takes her turn leading the Bible study, and does it well. This week Zoé led the study on identity in Christ. One exercise she had us do was write a word to describe what we were before we were saved, and then write who we are now that we are in Christ. We held them up for others to see. Some of the answers included: surrendered, found, sanctified, alive, less worried, & healed. **Please pray** for Caleb, Zoé, Sara, Christian, Midoven, Rebecca, Philip, Jayma, and Saloni. They all made plans this week to use the website <https://www.everystudent.com/> to reach out to their friends and start spiritual conversations.



Prayer Updates & Requests:

- 1) Update on **my sister, Elaine**: Instead of Nashville, the Lord has led her to pursue building a house on our land in Alexandria where we live, which we all think is a great idea.
- 2) Update on **Martin's Church in Macedonia**: God provided funding to finish the windows, doors, and entrance to Martin's church, and some extra for the insulation and half the façade! Praise God for progress every day!!
- 3) **Seth**, our son, for guidance in choosing a college, securing scholarships to make it affordable, and setting direction for his life.
- 4) Wisdom for the **Macedonia ministry leaders** who need to appoint a new Operations Director, possessing both people skills & admin gifts
- 5) For the Lord to enable Amy and me to find 5 more schools that want to connect with us to be coached & resourced for starting up in January.
- 6) For Seth & Nate to start a **Christian club** for kids in their school system



Family doesn't always see eye to eye. If your Thanksgiving turns out a little like this, you are not alone. Just apologize and forgive, again & again :)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP, Adam & Amy Burkey