

May 2017

Judges 6-7 & Psalm 34 | To be David and not Gideon
Both were used by God, but we pray to have the faith of David
and not feel the need to test God, like Gideon.

Ministry partners,

There is much to be thankful for as we wrap up the first of many, God willing, months and years in Ratio Christi ministry. As we have taken on the task of being full-time missionaries through RC, we have already been abundantly blessed with many victories and character building trials. May 24th was our first official day as a team in ministry as I came alongside Grant, who started in the beginning of May. Here are some highlights, updates, and praise points from this month.

Grant has officially started seminary at Southeastern Theological Seminary taking Introduction into Systematic Theology: Prolegomena and Bibliology. This was only accomplished by the generous gift of the students and couples within RC who paid for the class and the book. How faithful is God's providence to lay giving on the hearts of "poor college students"! Along with this, Grant received the honor of becoming the first Ratio Christi Fellowship applicant who is not in Charlotte to be accepted into the program. This means our seminary costs will be cut in half and Grant will be able to step into the role of Chapter Director upon graduating. Providence!

Grant and I have also been able to lay down plans and framework for our RC and Intentional ministry vision. We have begun meeting with our RC mentors about the start of a chapter at Ashley High School headed up by Grant and to cast vision for an expansion in Wilmington through hosting an apologetics conference.

I began the process of working out a job description as I come on staff with RC as a member of the National Communications Team. I have expressed my interest in being a speech coach, getting into social media management and content creation, and possibly creating a campaign in the future! All things, it seems, I will be able to do. It is so true the Lord gives the desires of the heart. RC meetings will officially begin next Monday at the Simpson's house and we are excited to get back into the swing. Grant will be teaching some of those evenings on topics such as Baptism. As the summer goes on, Grant and I plan to meet with our pastors about possible collaborations and events done at the Bridge Church ILM such as a night on Tactics. I will continue writing and preparing the material for the High School and College Intentional Women's Studies through the summer as well. This area has been a labor of love for me and very close to my heart.

In the Fall, Grant will begin to attend Bible classes at Coastal Christian, building connections with students and watching Aaron teach. I will jump into Intentional with college on two Wednesdays of the month and high school on the opposing Wednesdays. Grant and I will continue actively assisting the UNCW Chapter in its various needs and Grant, as the official RC intern, will participate in all 6 chapters through the week, not including his own.

We have many prayer needs to share with you as well.

Pray for the rest of the ministry team. We don't know who they are yet; but we know the Lord has already begun raising them up. We are beyond thankful for our current team members supporting us financially, but we are a long way from full funding. This summer will be an intense time of prayer and support raising. Pray for our marriage as we go through this time of growing pains. We know where the enemy attacks first and we are not about to let him distract us from the plan and purpose we have as a team in Wilmington.

Pray for those we are reaching, particularly students. UNCW is wonderful, but the secular world is apparent in the culture of the school. We combat relative truth and pleasure seeking lifestyles more than anything else. Ultimately, along with the strong thinkers and those strong in their faith, we attract baby Christians full of doubt from being challenged and empty lost students who are in need of the love of Jesus and someone to show them the validity of the truth claims made in scripture.

We are so thankful for you and the way you have allowed us to build on the foundations here in Wilmington to make this place a fertile ground. We are sowing in faith with each of you and watching the Lord make a harvest for us to reap together.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

2 Corinthians 9:6

In Christ, our beautiful Savior

The Forresters