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"How shall they *believe* in him of *whom they have not heard*?..."

Romans 10:14

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Dear Pastor and Church,

To begin, I want to thank each of you for your continued support through prayer and finances. It is through these things that we are given the opportunity to continue each day in the pursuit of seeing God build a local New Testament church right here in the heart of Chicago. I want to continue what I began last month by sharing with you something we have been doing and something I have learned. So, I will begin with what we have been doing by saying I am thankful to be able to share a couple of exciting updates with each of you. The first update is that since the last prayer letter, we have been able to begin intentional outreach in our community. We have done two different types so far: local park outreach and door-to-door canvassing (which you can see Maxi-Ann helping with below—she loves being a part of that). During these outreaches, we have been able to have conversations with people, including one young Muslim man who saw our materials in the park and pulled over to engage in conversation. I was able to share the gospel with him, but he was definitely committed to the Muslim view of Christ and the Bible. I was also able to invite him to a specific event (which I will share more about in just a moment) and give him my information so we could connect. We are praying, and we ask that you pray as well, that God would draw him to Himself and that the information he received would come back to his mind and that the materials would be brought before his eyes again and again. The second exciting update I want to make you aware of—and the thing I invited this young man to—is our Bible study that we have started with hopes of building a core group of people. Just last week, we met on the patio of the local Panera Bread for our first-ever Bible study. We were so thankful to God to have two men join us, where we were able to look at and study Luke 7 (The Sinful Woman) and talk about the reality that there is hope for the rejected. The Lord has laid on my heart to continue this journey of looking into stories of hope throughout the accounts of the New Testament, which is why our first seven weeks will focus on seven stories of hope. So please continue to pray for us, and pray specifically that God would continue to bring people we can invite, so that we have the opportunity to share with them the hope of Christ. Our next Bible study will be at 7:00 p.m. on May 7th, so please be praying before then and specifically at that time if possible (and if the Lord lays it on your heart, I would encourage you to set an alarm for that date and time). Lastly, I want to share something I have been learning over the last two months in our training program: God's timing is perfect, even when it does not fit my timeline. I have had certain plans and expectations in the past, and I still do now, but I am learning that my plans and expectations may not be His plans and expectations. I need to rest in knowing that He has everything under control and that He is always right on time.

With Love, Taylor, Lynsey, Maxi-Ann Cranfill, and Lawson.

Did you know?

- Chicago is made up of people that speak over 100 different languages and that have over 100 different countries of origin. "You reach the cities (Chicago) you literally touch the world."

Prayer / Praise:

- Grateful for new friendships being made with people in the City
- Pray for my grandpa with special medical needs
- Pray to build purposeful relationships for the gospel
- Praise for our first Bible Study where we had the opportunity to meet with 2 different men and study the word (Luke 7)



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Preaching Missions Sunday in Indiana



Our little helper handing out materials



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