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Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builder is useless. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. It is useless for you to work so hard from early in the morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to His loved ones.

Psalm 127:1-2 (NLT)



Trinkets: *That Trunk in the Corner of the Attic*

Well, the summer is here! While college students and children all around me begin their summer freedom, I have a whole new stack of things to do. In the midst of preparing for the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando and the impending trip to Ghana, West Africa, I am planning on beginning my annual prayer and financial support campaign. Look for the letters and commitment cards to arrive in the next few weeks!

Gone Mental: *Seminary Course Work*

For the summer, there will be greater overlap in our seminary work and our ministry work than at other times during the year. Right now, we are taking a class on the Southern Baptist Convention, which requires that the church send us as messengers to the convention in Orlando. Also, we have reading, research, and memorization to do in preparation for Ghana (not to mention packing and getting supplies).

Heartwork: *Pastoral Internship Responsibilities*

As the summer begins, my time under Ms. Patty has come to a close. I am looking forward to the Ghana trip with great anticipation. I love missions and enjoy the opportunity to take a short season overseas to see how missions is done. While I don't feel called to serve in international missions at this time, I can't see how anyone can call Jesus their "Lord" and not be ready and willing to go. We all have a part in fulfilling the Great Commission, not only here, but around the globe.

Pray for me over the next several months as I develop the curriculum for an "Every Member In Ministry Discovery Weekend." Saturday, November 4, we will have a 4 hour seminar on developing your "personal ministry profile" in the context of Lakeview, and some of the women of the church are planning a "ministry fair" for Sunday, November 5.

Ephesians 1:16: *Thanksgiving and Prayer*

My financial support for the month of May was lower than it had been over the past several months, so I am still without health insurance, but all of my bills are paid, and I'm well fed. God is good. Please continue to pray for my financial support, especially as I seek new commitments for the coming year.

Thank you:

Lakeview for a place to minister and continued encouragement. SC, AKG, LGK, Eyes, JB, CP, CO, PFB, AW, ZB, D&WA, and so many others for your constant prayers and verbal affirmation.

Prayers:

Intems in Ghana. Graduating students—jobs and direction. PFB—a new life at seminary in KY!

Et Moi: *Personal Comments*

Well, I managed to cram all of my normal newsletter stuff into one column this month, which leaves me with more space to let you know about me. I know many of you are praying for me more than I could ever imagine. Your prayers are not going unanswered. Please continue fervently!

I had lunch with Bro Al last week, which opened the door for me to develop the Discovery Weekend. If you have read the recent issues of APK's Attic, you know that my heart is in that area of ministry. I'm really excited about it, and I'm looking forward to developing it. Much of what I do will end up in the "G2S" portion of my web site. Keep an eye out for updates!

Another aspect of my ministry that became apparent during that lunch hour was my attitude and perspective toward the church and the seminary program. Architecture was generally more demanding of my time than this program, but the nature of the work is very different. I'm not theorizing and drawing pictures anymore. I am struggling to keep up with the reading and studying. Pray for focus and a more disciplined use of my time.

I love the church (both Lakeview and the Church in general.) I love the work I do for the church. I get greater joy from even the menial aspects of my internship experience than I ever did in my architecture work. The internship portion of the program is what makes it unique above any other seminary program in the SBC, and beyond. As I look back on this first year, I'm not sure I could have survived on the seminary campus, but the internship here has kept me going. I have absolutely no doubt that God placed me here for a reason.

A third aspect of the seminary/internship program that Bro Al and I talked about was the financial support process. When I began the application process to the program, I questioned the validity of raising support for this type of ministry. Some of my friends and family members are still opposed to it. At this point, I consider it to be one of the strongest aspects of this ministry! As with most Americans, I have never been without. I have always known where to get what I need, and also quite often things I simply wanted. By living solely on financial support, I have more successfully separated wants from needs, and rejoice abundantly when God supplies both needs and wants. Even more than that, my faith and trust in God to take care of me is at a point where it could never have been apart from the support-based ministry. I continue to thank all of you for your prayers and gifts! Please prayerfully continue to support and encourage me.

God bless every one of you!


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