

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)

Still Waiting: The APK update.

As I am sure many of you have been wondering, I have not yet found a place of vocational ministry. This is not for lack of looking, but is for lack of opportunities. While I have spent significant time looking and sending out resumes, I have spoken with very few churches, and have only spoken to one that showed promise, but later fell through.

I firmly believe that God has an ideal place of ministry out there for me, and that it will come to light in His time. In the mean time, I continue to allow him to prepare me for that position, and pray that He is preparing the church that will call me.

Just in case any of you have the opportunity to share your ministry contacts, I am primarily looking for a ministry position that will afford me the opportunity to build believers into ministering, functioning parts of the Body of Christ . . . specifically, to take what I have learned in developing the *Find Your Place* curriculum and the discipleship groups I have led, and turn it into full time ministry throughout the church.

There are several avenues in which this could be accomplished. I could easily adapt to work in a Minister of Education position, or College/Singles, Discipleship, Executive Pastor, or other traditional position. Or, several more contemporary churches have developed positions such as "Ministry Development" or "Member Mobilization," which have striking attractiveness to me.

At any rate, ministry contacts are welcome to contact me or Bro Al's secretary at Lakeview at 334-887-7094.

Please continue with me in prayer as I await God's assignment . . . Please pray that I press on with joy and patience. Please pray that I am continually growing closer to God and am conformed more into His image as I await a position. Pray that I am diligent in my personal walk as well as in the ministries I have where I am now. Pray that I will truly "look carefully" how I walk, "not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time," that I will understand the Lord's will is as it unfolds (Eph 5:15-17).

APK Architecture: The Interim Career.

I still have no doubt in my mind that God has called me to help build churches. Not church buildings, but churches: the Body of Christ, the local fellowship of believers. However, for now, God has chosen to allow me the opportunity to do a little bit of both.

I continue to work on the international ministry headquarters I previously mentioned. An associate of the owner is creating a computer model of the building, so I am starting to see how it is going to look. I also am working with some other folks in our company on a couple of church projects, as well as schools and miscellaneous other projects.

Additionally, my knowledge of computers, marketing, and graphics has joined with my knowledge of people and architecture to put me in a position to help revamp much of the marketing efforts of the company.

On top of all this, God has given me opportunities for ministry within the workplace. In addition to the weekly prayer lunch the company provides, I have chances to encourage and minister to several people in the company at times throughout the week. Architecture is a demanding business, and this company is a stark example of that truth. It is easy to get flustered and stressed, even over little things. Having a boss that is highly driven doesn't help matters any. I just praise God that he is a man of God and his drive is focused on bringing glory to God.

On several occasions, I have been able to help people in the company calm down and see their tasks in light of eternity, which instantly allows them to see how they just aren't worth stressing over. It's funny how we tend to stress the most over situations we have absolutely no control over. Why do we find it so hard to trust God to be the Sovereign Creator and Sustainer that he has always been? My question of the month is, "Are you a worrier, or a warrior?"

I believe God has placed me in this company for this season for many reasons. I have been blessed to allow God to do so much through me, and I have learned a lot about truly being a light in the secular world.

BuildingChurch: *The Ministry Front.*

It's been a year since I graduated from seminary and began this wait for a vocational ministry position. I honestly can not complain. Between my architecture job in Montgomery and some outside work, my bits-and-pieces of debt have been disappearing quickly, which will free me later on in ministry. I've also been able to see some of the fruit of my past labors, as one of my former D-group guys returned to India as a missionary to his own people with Friends Missionary Prayer Band, and another is spending the summer as a missionary in Australia (suffering for Jesus).

As this year has progressed, I have not ceased to evaluate the specifics of God's call on my life. I am a visionary, and often have a vision far beyond my ability to influence, and sometimes outside of God's call on my life. Over this past year, I have had time to evaluate the calling and giftedness from God in such a way to narrow it down to a specific direction of ministry. One particular moment of reflection and learning came over Spring Break, when Grady, one of the current Lakeview Interns, joined me for the Sovereign Grace Ministries Leadership Conference.

Sovereign Grace Ministries, formerly PDI, is a small group of about 50 churches that is known best for their God-centered worship. After 3 days, Grady and I were amazed that we both came up with the same word to describe the leaders we met: "humility." It's not every day that you can use that word to describe 400 leaders. I highly recommend a sermon series they have available: "Humility: True Greatness." That very thought now seems to color everything I do and think about, and I pray it never ceases.

As for my life at Lakeview, I recently joined the choir that sings at the 9:20am Worship Service. Music has been as much a constant in my life as Jesus has, but has been somewhat missing in recent years. Being in the choir will give me an opportunity to bring that meaningful element back to my life. Lakeview is still searching for a new minister of music, but has hired an interim, which adds to the excitement of being a part of this vital ministry.

My desire to disciple, equip, and help people find their place in the local body has never ceased. I am leading a college discipleship group for the summer, specifically helping a select group of guys find their area of ministry and equip them to lead in that area of ministry in the coming school year.

It looks like the members of Lakeview have a chance to be a part of opening spiritual doors in the Middle-East. Hopefully, I will be joining them on a trip to Iraq in mid-August to help the International Mission Board distribute humanitarian aid. Please pray for me as I consider this opportunity, and pray that God might use you to be a part of it, as well. More information will be coming soon, as I learn it myself.


I continue to help The Power of One singles' ministry as I have opportunity by teaching and being a "leadership consultant" of sorts. I am also continually looking for new opportunities in ministry around me every day.

Please continue to pray that I would be an effective minister wherever I am at any particular time. Also please continue to pray for patience, humility, and joy in call circumstances as I continue to wait for God's specific place for me in vocational ministry. And, of course, please pray that God would reveal that particular place of ministry to me soon!

Well, I'm out of things to say. Since many people think I never run out of things to say, I'm going to leave the rest of this page blank just to spite them!

Thank you for your continued prayers.

God bless you for His glory!



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