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Subject: C3 Update and Your Help

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

I pray this email find you well and in good health. I am sure you all are ready for the summer. This spring semester have kept me quite busy and I was able to keep in touch with my students as well as with my family. Our kids are really growing. Our daughter Grace will be 13 this month. Many things happened especially the last week before the end of the spring semester.

I had an opportunity to share with a freshman about Jesus and His plan for us. It was her first semester at Gallaudet. She was thrilled to know there is a ministry to help students grow in their faith. She admitted that she is struggling about her faith and where she will go. I went thru the Good News with her. Her face lit up and she wanted to say the prayer in private in her dorm room. Please pray that no interruptions will occur so that she can receive Him into her heart.

The reason I shared this was because this year had been most challenging with the Servant Team struggling with commitments and priorities as well as their health. Many of them have their first year being on the team. We definitely have a new generation at Gallaudet where everyone get too busy to have time with God or to serve Him. It was a new challenge until that last week I met this young lady named Brittany. God still provide opportunities to draw every person to Himself. No matter what happened - God is in control, for He is my light and my salvation. I have nothing to fear but to fear Him. Last night at my church, we had our hour of prayer and I am reminded of Psalm 27:1-3 (NLT)...

The Lord is my light and my salvation - so why should I be afraid?

The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?

When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid.

Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.

We may be in a looong process to get settled with the ministry at Gallaudet with Campus Crusade for Christ and I still have much to learn as a campus director along with the responsibilities I must accept. I have seen and experienced His protection and His peace over those difficult times. God is faithful!

Several things supposed to happen this year.....

1. We have a good servant team including 6 student leaders however some of them are facing a challenge with their health, commitments and priorities in their lives. Pray that this fall, my wife Karen and I will be able to assist them step by step until they are ready to take the ownership of this campus ministry at Gallaudet.

2. We will have a staff team soon. A couple named Bill and Sarah Wainscott, now the new full time staff and they are currently raising support. Once their support is complete, they can report to me on our staff team. We also have a deaf intern named Laura McNair and she too is raising support. Laura is to report to me by August 1st once her support is complete. I am excited for them but please pray for their deputation.

My son Seth will enter kindergarten this fall therefore this will be the FIRST time my wife Karen CAN come to Gallaudet more than just one day a week and minister with the students. I look forward to it. It would be cool to have my wife with me to Gallaudet on a regular basis. Smile.

3 and most importantly, we will have our first DEAF summer project to Slovakia. My family and I are supposed to take our VISION trip to Slovakia and teamed up with the Deaf IMB missionaries this summer. Once the information have been gathered and submitted to Campus Crusade. They will evaluate and approve this plan for the summer of 2007. However this plan is now on hold because our campus ministry ran out of funds. Those funds help supply the ministry expenses, resources, scholarships to retreats and conferences, advertisements on campus, special events and outreaches and much more.

This is where I need your prayers and most of all, your help. Since I am the campus director, I am responsible to generate funds for our campus ministry. I rather to wait until I have a staff team so we can work together and raise the funds for our campus. Now I must take this responsibility and get the funds for this coming fall. It is due by August 1st. Once the funds is in, we can continue our ministry at Gallaudet and I will be able to write long term plans such as golf marathon and fellowship dinners to make connections with you all in the community and across the USA.

Deaf communities often lack leadership, recruitment and training therefore our goal is to provide resources and opportunities for them to grow in the faith and to walk in the Spirit during their college years.

Please find the attached file. It contains a letter from me to any Christian business, organization or church you might know to make their annual contributions to various ministries. I will need their name, phone number or email to follow up.

Your prayers are greatly needed and I thank you for your love and service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Bob