

Feiger Newsflash

"You, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." Paul to Timothy and all who follow after (II Timothy 2:1-2)

From the beginning of the church, the transmission of the message of the gospel required those who would faithfully teach those who would faithfully teach others. From one generation to the next, even before Christ came, God entrusted the story of His redemptive plan to men who would teach it to the next generation. And that transferring of faith wasn't left for the "qualified" few, though He did have special messengers to remind the people. His main means of teaching? Parents. And grandparents.

Over and over, scripture exhorts us to *"...take care, and keep your soul diligently...impress My words on your heart and soul...diligently teach your children and your children's children... to hold fast to My words... and live."* (Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:7, 11:19; Proverbs 4:4) It is apparent that we must be both living the transforming message and effectively communicating how it impacts their own lives to our children and grandchildren in the day to day. Need help? The whole book of Proverbs is a father imparting wisdom to his son! What a treasure trove to glean from with our kids!

Today, most students have little to no understanding of the relevance of the gospel, even if they have come from a church background. Sad, yet we can too quickly lay the blame at the feet of the church. Research consistently shows the impact that parents have on their child's faith. One 2014 study concluded that parents were the #1 influence in helping teens remain religiously active as young adults. "No other conceivable casual influence (including youth ministry, clergy, service projects and religious schools)... comes remotely close to matching the influence of parents on the religious faith and practices of youth. Parents just dominate," said one researcher for the National Study of Youth and Religion.

It is a good reminder for us too that, as we disciple others' children, our own are our primary responsibility before the Lord. More than raising children we are raising up disciples! Imparting to our children the knowledge and love of the Father really is our greatest calling and joy!

Raising up Disciples, Near and Far

As you can imagine, much of our work revolves around faithfully teaching those who will in turn teach others. Locally, we have been training a half a dozen students to become ambassadors for Christ, or in Latin "Legatus Christi." Wednesday nights this semester, Kaylene has been guiding our students through topics like how to grow as a Christian, the role the Bible plays in our walk with God, how to study the Word and how to lead Bible discussion groups.





It has been a real joy to build into these very fine young people, eager to grow and reach out to their friends and classmates! Each one has special God given gifts and dreams. It is exciting to hear about how God is using them now, but also humbling to think of what God can do through them 5, 10, 20 and 30 years from now!

We have also been working very hard to mobilize many highly trained campus ministers from around the country. Tony is coaching twenty new missionaries in various stages, overseeing their basic training and Ministry Partnership Development (fundraising efforts). In February, we will again be heading up the Leadership Orientation for the new chapter directors who are sure to make a difference on their campuses. We would like to introduce you to a couple of these leaders.

This dynamic young couple is Grant and Lexi Forrester of South Carolina. They are recent graduates, recruited by the Ratio Christi director at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. We've never seen anyone raise support so quickly! They are nearly finished after just 4 months!! They are wonderfully teachable and grateful for our coaching and advice. Grant and Lexi will be entering the Ratio Christi Missionary Apologist Training Fellowship program, where they will receive a seminary degree and work as interns with a Ratio Christi chapter director. We can't wait to see all God will do with this couple!



Gratitude

As we reflect on our lives and the blessing it is to help others grow in their faith and ministry skills, we are filled with joy and gratitude for you, our friends and ministry partners!

Prayer Requests

- * Pray we would teach our disciples all that they need to know to be effective ambassadors for Christ.
- * Pray our Lord would continue to send out workers, for the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.

With much love and gratitude for you, our family and friends,

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