

New Beginnings

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Nehemiah building a wall

Recently I was reading Nehemiah and was inspired by his boldness. Nehemiah has been called by God to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem so his people can live protected and safe once again.

Can you imagine the courage it must have taken for Nehemiah, a lowly cup bearer, to ask the King for not just a leave of absence but for resources to build and provision for safe travel. Incredible!

The most inspiring part of the story for me though is when Nehemiah arrives he surveys the situation and mobilizes the people to rebuild the wall. Each family is responsible for building part of the wall. God's people are working together to accomplish his purposes and they do it (eventually).

That's a picture of the Church.

I find inspiration in this story because it reminds me of the journey the Lord has Amy and I on. We've been called to reach college-aged young people. We're willing to be bold and ask for support in that work; but it takes

the church rallying around God's work for it to be accomplished.

We want to thank you for "building your part of the wall" through your prayers and financial support. Living out this calling isn't something we can or care to do alone. Thanks!



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Back On Campus caring for the poor

Hearts were stirred on campus as we finished a 3 week teaching series looking at what our motivations and responsibilities are when it comes to caring for the poor and needy.

Students are organizing and readying for a trip to Memphis, TN over spring break to serve the needy there. Others can't wait that long and are gathering this week to discuss the options for things to be doing locally now in Champaign.

Through it all you can see hearts that realize the great gift they've received in Jesus and how they want to share that with others, both in material provisions and the truth and love of the Gospel.

Prayer Requests

- We're at 46% of our monthly support goal. ☺
- Nick would meet new people who are excited to hear our story (very critical at this point).
- That Amy is supported & cared for in Champaign.
- Pray for God to direct, guide and provide for the different outreach and service projects students are working on.



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