

# COLLEGE OUTREACH

WITH JEFF & KAREN GRANT



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Love,  
Jeff + Karen



We hope you had a wonderful Easter! We are feeling really welcome in our community here. At the same time, we love connecting with our NJ friends as well. Check out this video of our Jersey students (on our [newsletter page](#)). It will fill you up!

## EVANGELISM IN THE CLASSROOM

“Pray for my class!” said Jasmine, a student who attends our church small group. “A Satanist priestess will be sharing in our Peace Studies class this semester.” She said leaders of many religions had been invited to present their faith’s approach to peace. She also said the only Christian representative would be a lesbian pastor. So our group began to pray that students’ hearts would be open to the truth and guarded against lies, that Jasmine herself could be a positive influence on the class and the speakers, and that God would confound the lies of this priestess (2 Samuel 15:31).

The Lord answered, and the priestess cancelled. In fact, the pastor did too, which left them with a gap. Jasmine offered our own pastor, but he had a conference so she offered me (Jeff) to speak on Christianity and peace.

Many of you responded to my plea for prayer too, and 3 days later, I found myself in a room full of very non-Christian students asking tough questions! We had a great conversation, and I shared most of the points from Tim Keller’s talk on [Exclusivity](#). Students were engaged and left the room full of chatter and holding copies of [More than a Carpenter](#). The professor said it was exactly what he was hoping for and asked if I could speak again next semester. I spent the rest of the day meeting with Cru students on that campus.



We need to engage in these conversations, because if we are left out, people will draw their own conclusions about Jesus from what they see on TV. Are there opportunities for you to step into the conversation somewhere?

## PRAISES

- \* New campuses in NH, TX, CA and IL
- \* Growing deeper with neighbors
- \* Helping coworkers think through strategy and calling

## REQUESTS

- \* Going to take church friends to share on campus
- \* Our children to follow the light
- \* Safety/recovery for Karen’s concussion

## A MATCH MADE IN TEXAS

“Where would you love to be, but aren’t?” That’s what I asked our regional directors around the US. I believe we can reach every single campus if we put the ministry in the hands of local churches. One campus they told me about was Angelo State University in West Texas.

I began to research churches in that town and found Pastor Kyle of Angelo Bible Church. What an amazing heart this guy has to bless the students and the town even more than to see his own church grow. Kyle has students of ASU in his church as well as a passionate volunteer. He even has a Christian professor in his back yard. We’ve been excited to work together to launch the ministry there, and Kyle has voiced several times how he and I seem wired just right to complement each other! Please pray for Kyle and let me know if you know anyone near a college campus that I might reach to out and equip.



## 1 Corinthians

15:54-55

Death is swallowed up in victory.

○ death, where is your victory?

○ death, where is your sting?

## FAMILY UPDATE

Life is never dull at the Grant household! This month was full of festivities and tragedies. We were able to be a light in our neighborhood by bringing several folks to the Cru Easter Egg hunt, where the gospel was presented by our friend Marc the Magician.

In other neighbor news, Arthur's friend across the street was rocked by the car accident that killed both his grandparents. We have gathered as a neighborhood to bless them during this hard time. Please pray for Tom and Lisa with their son Caleb (who also lost his big sister a couple years ago).

On a lighter note, our board game neighborhood outreach continues, with our newest member being a young man we met at Kohl's :). This has also been a good chance for us to get to know some of our coworkers, like Alex and Katie who are on Lake Hart STINT this year (like we were last year) and are praying hard about what to do next. Please pray with them.

Katherine has gotten very musical, singing "helpful!" and lots of songs she hears on "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood." Arthur has become an artist, filling about 8 notebooks full of story-pictures. We were all so excited to have Jeff's mother visit this month. She often remarked on how affectionate the kids are. The kids were thrilled to show her Downtown Disney. We love that marketplace, which is free to get in and has lots of free activities for the kids. We even saw a skywriter spelling out the message above.

On Good Friday, Karen got a concussion—she ran backward into a metal soccer goal while playing with the kids at the park. Ouch! Thankfully, one of our new friends from church is a medical professional who has been taking good care of our family :). Karen was super bummed to miss out on multiple fun activities the week Grandma was here, but so very thankful for the extra help with the kids so she could rest and recuperate. Please pray for Karen's continued recovery.



Cooking together!



A & K at his school carnival w/ Arthur's friends Senay and Daniel (front)



Craft time with Grandma

## WHAT GOD'S BEEN TEACHING US

I remember when Karen was pregnant with our first child, Arthur, that I felt totally inadequate to be a father. After reading [Be Prepared](#), a silly book for new dads, I determined in my heart, "I may not be able to 'be a father,' but I can change *this* diaper. I may not know how to teach him someday, but at least (with God's help) I can keep him alive."

As my son grew, I knew I'd have to figure out what it meant to be a father and a good one. Some books that have helped me along the way are [Shepherding a Child's Heart](#) and [Spiritual Parenting](#). Right now, though I'm studying about how to teach my son to be a man with the book [Raising a Modern-Day Knight](#). The author says that society today has become very confused about what it means to be a man and even when the transition from boy to man takes place. He says, "why do the sons of even good, emotionally involved fathers drift in adulthood? Because we have forgotten to give them... a vision for manhood, a code of conduct and a transcendent cause.... To reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously and expect the greater reward... a will to obey, a work to do and a woman to love." He teaches how all three are modeled in ancient chivalry and in the Bible.

One of his most important points is to spike (volleyball term) each step in maturity with a memorable celebration that shows our sons that we see them and how they've grown, are proud of them, and believe in them as we entrust them with this next stage of life.



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