

COLLEGE OUTREACH

WITH JEFF & KAREN GRANT



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Love,
Jeff + Karen

We're praying that you are having a fun and energizing summer, with re-energizing vacations and beautiful times of family connectedness. God is moving!

A FAMILY MINISTRY

My colleague, Brian, and I have continued to make inroads to Full Sail University, a school in Orlando that pours graduates into the film, music and video game industry every month.

Because I signed up for more information on becoming a student there (would love to earn a Masters in Entertainment Writing someday), I was invited to join the school's internal Facebook group. Right away, I noticed that I could look up other people on that network by interest:

- 604 interested in God
- 949 say they're "open minded"
- 346 are "exploring my beliefs"
- 1,024 interested in Christianity

That last group included Brittany. Both she and her professor father are excited to help us reach lost students at Full Sail and help Christian artists explore how faith and art intersect and how to be a light in the entertainment industry. I can't wait to try out Art-specific strategies there, like a [short film festival](#), a themes of life/story [discussion series](#) and an I Am Second small group [testimony-based bible study](#). Please pray as we invest in the lives of young people who will shape what we watch, play and listen to in generations to come!



PRAISES

- * Jeff is now helping with 18 campuses!
- * Seeing healing in several long-term health issues
- * Connecting with youth and college students in our church and others

REQUESTS

- * Our hearts to be soft but strong toward the broken world
- * Some major medical expenses
- * God to reveal & remove idols

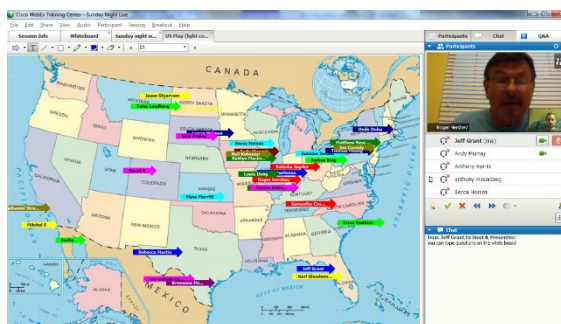
REACHING JERSEY FROM FLORIDA

I mentioned a few months ago that I have the great privilege to coach students around the US in living missionally through a "stay-at-home mission trip" called Mission Summer.

We've had close to 200 students participating, and it is great to hear them spur each other on and talk about how their lives are changing. One "student" that I've had the pleasure to coach is Jim (below). He is a student at NJIT and a professor at Sussex County. During one breakout session, he admitted to never having shared the gospel before and was a little nervous about that week's challenge.



After some advice that seemed to give him hope, I introduced Jim to Joel (whom I disciplined at NJIT) and the two went out to share. Both came back reporting great conversations and increased confidence to tell people in NJ about Jesus. Pray for Jim and others sharing Christ for the 1st time!



Luke 22:32

"But I have prayed for you, that your faith will not fail. So when you recover, strengthen your brothers."

Jesus, to Peter

FAMILY UPDATE

For us, this has been the Summer of Doctors! Karen started a heavy regimen of chiropractor visits to correct multiple spinal issues, including a complete lack of curve in her neck vertebrae. Karen has had terrible trouble with exhaustion, allergies and low immune system ever since college. In the past 2 months, however, we've seen incredible progress in her quality of health, which has been a huge blessing to us as a family! It's also greatly helped us to minister to people around us and to take care of the kids' medical needs.

Arthur began eye therapy, a true God-story even in the discovery of this alternative to surgery. We discovered that double-vision causes him to subconsciously disable his left eye, resulting in his having only 1% of normal depth perception. It was heartbreaking for us as we put on glasses that

simulated the world through his eyes. Still, we've already seen improvement to the point where, about 4 weeks in, Arthur wore 3D glasses and shouted "there are things popping out of the screen!" He is starting to use both eyes at once which will mean wonders for his coordination, writing and a slew of other areas! Please pray!

Of course no battery of doctor visits would be complete without a family dental trip. Poor Katherine had 5 cavities! It blew our minds, considering how small she is and how consistent we've been with brushing (she even *likes* to floss... who does that?), but they said it can happen sometimes no matter what you do. Well, God answered prayers and turned 5 cavities into 2 on our follow-up with the pediatric specialist, but she will still need to have oral sedation while they grind away half of 2 teeth and cover them with metal caps :(Please pray!

As you can see, these appointments fail to dampen the family's spirit of fun and warmth. The kids bicker in spurts, but most of the time they are a delight to each other and to us!

Thanks for praying!



WHAT GOD'S BEEN TEACHING US

Karen and I have been repeating a prayer that Steve Douglass, president of Cru, reports to pray daily, "that God would allow me to touch a life that day – that I could be a tangible conveyer of God's love to some individual in need." Now, there are lots of ways for God to use you and I to answer that prayer (by blessing

someone financially, or with some skill that God has given us), and He has shown up in different ways almost every day. But knowing my heart for counseling and Karen's for loving strangers, I'm sure you can guess what happened the very first day...

Karen was headed out of a hardware store when she had to go back in for something (that was God right there by the way). When she was going through checkout, she noticed that the cashier, Daniel, was visibly upset. A few minutes of Holy Spirit conversation later and Daniel had opened up about his struggles with depression, with his past, with his relationships, and with God.

Some of Karen's own history really matched his situation (fulfilling what Steve Douglass' wife, Judy, often says, that "God doesn't waste anything"). Daniel and I have gotten deeply into the things of God now. He and Mary, his pregnant wife, have been over our house, to church with us and even to a men's breakfast! Please pray!



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