

# Overisel Overview



## Staff Spotlight

### Don and Mary Slotman – Custodians

Don and Mary have been the custodians at Overisel for over 30 years. They have been married for 48 years and have two children, Emily and Travis. They also have two grandchildren, Hannah and Audrey. Mary is part of the Praise team at church and also loves to sing in the choir.



She is also the Funeral Coordinator at ORC. Don and Mary also spend their days working part-time at Veldeers Tulip Farm. In their free time Don and Mary both like to read and travel, and Don enjoys making puzzles! They love ORC and all the friends they have made here over the years!

## 2025 Consistory

### Pastors

\*Rev. Mike Pitsenberger  
Pastor Ken Kleinheksel  
Pastor Kevin Kruizenga

### Elders

Brent DeWeerd  
Steve Schrotenboer  
\*Glenn Kleinheksel  
\*Keith VanLiere  
Nate Genzink  
Bob Reimink

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Ryan Genzink  
\*Lee Lubbers  
David Kraker  
Justin Machiela  
Dean Jipping  
Craig Theodore

\*Executive committee

# A Note From Pastor Ken

## Times and Seasons

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 “Now concerning the times and seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”

Here it is August already. The Summer (and year) is fleeting by it seems. It's this fact and a couple other events that have me thinking about time.

One was the tragic flooding in Texas that took the lives of so many people that didn't even realize it was coming. The verse above references the time coming like a thief in the night and that is literally what happened there. I am thankful for the reports that many of the young people swept away from the camp knew Jesus as the Savior and were prepared for the time God called them home, but it is a sobering reminder that we need to be ready always.

The second was the fatal accident that happened on M-40 a couple weeks ago. Again, a life tragically ended in a split second with no or very little warning. Also a sobering reminder for all of us that we may not have the time to respond to God's call on our life to receive Him as Lord and Savior at the end of our life here on earth.

As I mentioned earlier, time flies by and the busyness of our lives causes the very important decisions of life to get pushed off and delayed. So please take time right now to make that eternally important decision to claim Jesus as your Savior. There will never be a better time than right now. If you have made that decision, tell someone about it. Tell your parents or a family member or friend. Pastors love to hear about that decision as well.

So as August goes barreling by this Summer, let it serve as a reminder that we don't have all the time in the world to make important decisions. Our time and seasons keep moving on in ever accelerating speed. Let this August be the time you make the most important decision.

God bless you and have a great August and I'll see you on the journey!

Pastor Ken

# HAPPY birthday 2025 August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Gloria Naber
3 Hudson Mather	4 Marilyn Broekhuis Verna DeWeerd	5 Katie Klaasen	6 Barend Thomas Helmus Lola Kleinheksel Karen VanOrder	7 Ahmed DeWeerd	8	9
10 Chad VandenBosch Jackson Velderman Lucy Whitcomb	11 Kelly Laarman	12 Tom Immink	13 Deb Bos John Tenpas	14 Jon Barnum Bethlehem Klaasen Tim Lubbers Beth Zoet	15 Mason Blauwkamp Sawyer Kroeze	16 Abby Hop
17 Kyrza Michalak Irina Peerbolte Patricia VanLiere	18 Bettye Fields Jodie Reimink	19 Kaylie Klaasen	20 Tim Borr Gracie Immink Larry Timmer	21	22 Adam VanHaitsma	23 Mark Francisco
24 Judy Boeve Rob Hyland Stacy Smith	25 Beth Kleinheksel	26	27 Kyle DeNeef Amity Pothoff Rick Stob	28	29 Shirley VandenBosch	30
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## Milestone Birthdays

Congratulations to Todd & Carrie Klaasen on welcoming their 5<sup>th</sup> grandchild on June 24<sup>th</sup>! Brooke Raya was born to Cody and Jordan Looman as their first child.

“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him.” Psalm 127:3

# Happy Anniversary

## 2025 August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Ken & Lynda Mol	2
3	4	5	6 Jeffrey & Linda LaFleur	7	8	9
10	11 Bob & Belva Dubbink	12	13	14	15	16 Raymond & Sharon Nyhof John & Jennifer Tenpas
17 Jeremy & Laura Cortright Mike & Emily Heavener	18	19 Dave & Jill Koopman	20 Jim & Betty Hoekstra Larry & Sally Loser Ross & Jessica Nagelkirk	21 Dennis & Margie Harper	22 Dale & Darlene Schaap	23
24 Chad & Dara VandenBosch	25 Cal & Mary Becksvoort Bruce & Mary Okkema	26	27	28	29 Bruce & Glenda Peters	30
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### Milestone Anniversaries

 8/29 - Bruce & Glenda Peters (50 years)

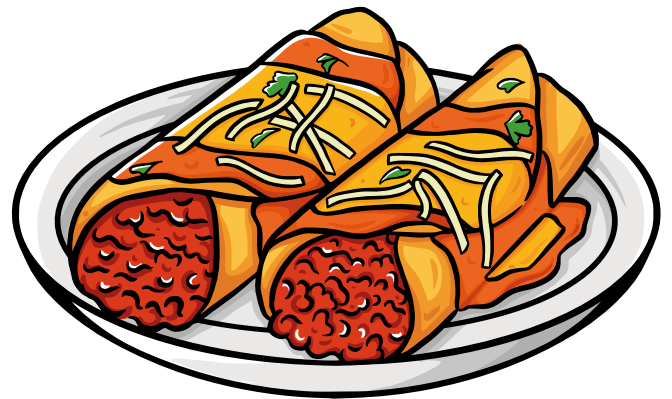


# Mary's Monthly Meal

## Sour Cream Chicken Enchilada

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups cooked, shredded chicken
- 2 T butter
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 2 cups sour cream
- 2 T flour
- 1 cup Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 cup Sharp Cheddar cheese
- 8-10 Flour tortillas
- 1 can (4oz) diced green chilies
- Salt + Pepper



### DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Grease 9x13 dish

### Make the sauce:

- melt butter, stir in flour to create a roux, whisking continually until smooth, whisk into chicken broth.
- Remove from heat, stir in sour cream and chilies, season with salt and pepper.

### Assemble Enchiladas:

- Place chicken in the center, sprinkle both cheeses. Roll up and place seam side down.
- Top with sauce and remaining cheese, pour over the enchiladas, then both cheeses.
- Bake for 20 minutes until bubbly and golden brown

# ATTENTION

The Gate is an after-school program for middle school students in Hamilton, grades 5-8. Our mission is to provide a safe and Christ-centered environment for students to grow, play, build relationships, and be challenged.

We currently have two openings for a **Program Director** and an **Assistant Coordinator**. These are paid positions with the primary hours on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2-5:30pm. The duties of these roles include planning and leading program activities with the kids, providing administrative support for the program. More information can be found on the Gate website: <https://thegatehamilton.com/current-openings>



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Family Research Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan religious organization. Family Research Council's vision is a prevailing culture in which all human life is valued, families flourish, and religious liberty thrives. Family Research Council's mission is to serve in the kingdom of God by championing faith, and freedom in public policy and the culture from a biblical worldview.

The Family Research Council exists to reaffirm and promote nationally, and particularly in Washington, DC, the traditional family unit and the Judeo-Christian value system upon which it is built. Please visit us at [www.frc.org](http://www.frc.org) for additional information.

## DATA ENTRY/TELESERVICES ASSISTANT

**FULL-TIME POSITION**

**LOCATION: HOLLAND OFFICES**

The Data Entry/Tele-Services Assistant is responsible for performing data entry, teleservices, special project functions and customer service issues as they arise.

### ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Performing data entry, teleservices, and special project functions.
- Input constituent information into the database, including donations, requests for materials & subscriptions, and personal information (e.g., addresses, event attendance, interest codes) in a timely and accurate manner.
- Ensure that constituents telephone calls are handled professionally.
- Assist with preparation and on-site registration for regional and national events.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- You have a high school diploma or GED.
- You have a minimum of three years prior data work experience and strong verbal and listening skills.
- You have a proficient computer and word processing skills.
- You have a strong aptitude for detail and repetitive work environment.

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please submit your resume, cover letter, and expectations to FRC by email to [hrdept@frc.org](mailto:hrdept@frc.org) or by fax to 202-393-2134.

# ***Fusion Graphic Consultants 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing***

***Grant Me Hope Fundraiser  
[grantmehope.org](http://grantmehope.org)***

***Finding forever homes for  
teenage children***



**3 Fires Golf Course**

**6045 136<sup>th</sup> Ave Holland, MI. 49424**



**Come be a part of a day filled  
with golf, networking, and  
making a difference!**

**August 8, 2025**

**Time**

**Scramble starts at  
9:00am, 18 holes  
Lots of prizes and  
raffle items!**

**REGISTER NOW!**

**[barb@fusiengraphicconsultants.com](mailto:barb@fusiengraphicconsultants.com)  
Mail in form or email scanned form**



- \_\_\_\_\_ Tee Sponsor \$1,000 Logo displayed on signage, 4 golf passes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hole in One Sponsor \$2,000 includes 4 golf passes and sponsor table at hole
- \_\_\_\_\_ Closest to the Pin Sponsor \$2,000 includes 4 golf passes and sponsor table at hole
- \_\_\_\_\_ Table sponsor at clubhouse - \$2,000 includes 4 golf passes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gifts for raffle \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cash donation \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer X \$125 or \_\_\_\_\_ 4-some for \$400

Golfer Names - Company \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_



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**Lots of prizes!**

**REGISTER NOW!**

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# ATTENTION ALL SPORTSMEN

The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting the eleventh annual Sporting Clay Shoot to benefit the Cadet Ministry. The event will be held on Sunday, August 16 at Blendon Pines Gun Club in Zeeland, Michigan. For more information, call the corps office at 616-241-5616, or check out the cadet website under the “events” tab.

**Everyone is welcome!**

Registration is available at our website: [www.calvinistcadets.org](http://www.calvinistcadets.org). Lunch will be served at 11:30am. Join us for a fun filled day!

If you can't make it out for the day but still want to be involved, we are looking for businesses or individuals willing to sponsor stations or pledge for a participating shooter. For more information on these giving opportunities, follow the sponsor link on the online event page or contact Kim at the Corps office at the number listed above.

Kim  
616-241-5616  
[kim@calvinistcadets.org](mailto:kim@calvinistcadets.org)

## **Overisel Reformed Church Wednesday Night Calendar 2025-2026**

Sept. 10 – Kick Off  
Sept. 17  
Sept. 24  
Oct. 1  
Oct. 8  
Oct. 15  
Oct. 22 – Off for Fall Break  
Oct. 29  
Nov. 5  
Nov. 12  
Nov. 19  
Nov. 26 – Off for Thanksgiving  
Dec. 3  
Dec. 10  
Dec. 17  
Jan. 7  
Jan. 14  
Jan. 21  
Jan. 28  
Feb. 4  
Feb. 11 – Off for Winter Break  
Feb. 18  
Feb. 25  
Mar. 4  
Mar. 11  
Mar. 18  
Mar. 25

## **Overisel Reformed Church Sunday Calendar 2025-2026**

Sept. 7 – Kick Off  
Sept. 14  
Sept. 21  
Sept. 28  
Oct. 5  
Oct. 12  
Oct. 19  
Oct. 26 – Fall Break  
Nov. 2  
Nov. 9  
Nov. 16  
Nov. 23 – Congregational Meeting  
Nov. 30 – Off for Thanksgiving  
Dec. 7  
Dec. 14 – Christmas Program  
Jan. 4  
Jan. 11  
Jan. 18  
Jan. 25  
Feb. 1  
Feb. 8 – Off for Winter Break  
Feb. 15  
Feb. 22  
Mar. 1  
Mar. 8  
Mar. 15  
Mar. 22  
Mar. 29  
Apr. 5 – Off for Spring Break/Easter  
Apr. 12  
Apr. 19  
Apr. 26  
May 3

# Missions Updates



Spreading the Good News of  
the Gospel around the world.

Dear ORC Church,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous support in providing the funds necessary to purchase this laptop. Your kindness has made a significant difference in my life and has equipped me with the tools I need to pursue my work and studies more effectively.

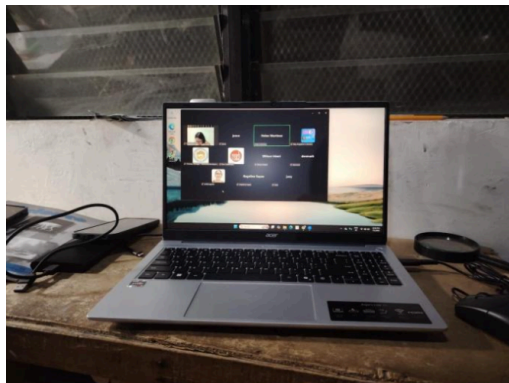
Thanks to your contribution, I am now able to access valuable resources, connect with others, and complete tasks that were previously challenging. This laptop is not just a piece of technology—it is a symbol of your faith in my potential and your willingness to invest to advance the Gospel among the Unreached people in the Southern Philippines.

Your generosity is a true reflection of the caring spirit that defines ORC Church. I am deeply appreciative of your support and encouragement. Please know that your gift will be put to excellent use, and I am motivated to work even harder because of your partnership.

Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity. God bless you all Ruth 2:12

With sincere appreciation,

Josh and Sharlet



God is good, and His love endures forever. The livelihood in the community outreach is ongoing, as we have made samples for herbal soap and dishwashing liquid. We have already sold some of the dishwashing products withing the community for household use.

Thank you for the funds for the new laptop I bought already at around 32k Philippine money. The Lord bless the Church out there, thanks for the partnership in reaching the Ms for Jesus Christ.

I covet your prayers for complete healing for Sharlet my wife of acidic reflux. Protection in coming and going out from the community.







## Register NOW For the 2025 Golf Outing!



Save the date of August 12, 2025 for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser

Registration is open now for individuals or teams. registration includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, polo shirt, a \$50 donation to CranHill, and more! Proceeds from this event go directly to supporting the ministry and covering some of the costs of operating youth camp. Now is the time to get your team together and plan on a great day of having fun and supporting the mission of transforming lives!

### EVENT DETAILS:

10:00 AM – Registration Opens

11:00 AM – Lunch

12:00 PM – Shotgun Start

5:00 PM – Dinner and Awards

Looking to be a bigger part of this important event?

We are still looking for sponsors to help make this year's outing a huge success!

To register to golf, confirm your sponsorship, or get more information, use this link!

<https://www.cranhillranch.com/golf-fundraiser>

## Fall Retreats Are Filling Up!



### Girl's Horsemanship Retreats

These weekends are perfect for girls ages 10-17 with a love of horses! These weekends combine riding lessons, basic horse care skills, and fellowship with peers.

Spots fill quickly! Available Weekends:

<https://www.cranhillranch.com/horsemanship-retreats>

- Sept. 5-7
- Sept. 12-14
- Sept. 26-28
- Oct. 3-4



## Father Son Retreat – Sept. 19–21

Join us for a weekend of adventure! Get ready for outdoor challenges, good meals, laughter, and strengthening relationships as fathers and sons. Activities include learning new target sports, climbing the rock wall, and tackling high ropes courses.

Sign up now to guarantee your spot!

<https://www.cranhillranch.com/father-son>



## Mother Daughter Retreat – Oct. 17–19

Enjoy a weekend of celebrating the relationship between moms and their daughters! Get ready to spend quality time together outdoors. You can plan on exciting activities, new relationships, and chapel sessions designed to teach and encourage!

Sign up now to guarantee your spot!

<https://www.cranhillranch.com/mother-daughter>

## Mark Your Calendars for CORE!



### C.O.R.E. – CranHill Outdoor Recreation Education

registration is open now for this unique outdoor education program designed for homeschooled kids ages 6–16. Students participate in monthly sessions with their peers, giving opportunities for new friendships to form.

This year, there are three sessions to choose from!

Every month, the focus will be on learning valuable

life skills, practicing outdoor survival techniques, and spending time appreciating the beauty of creation. Spots in these sessions fill quickly, so don't wait to sign your child up!

Check out this year's available sessions:

<https://www.cranhillranch.com/core>

## We're Accepting Applications!

**Apply Today for the 2025–2026 Intern Team!**

This 9 month program is dedicated to discipling the next generation of young adults, equipping them to lead in different ministry roles. Working within the year-round programs at CranHill, interns will have the opportunity to dive deeper into their faith, learn practical skills, and experience life alongside a community of other believers.

### The Internship Includes:

- Onsite housing
- Spiritual and academic development
- Hands-on experience in all areas of camp
- Opportunities to work within a focus area
- Participation in the local church
- Learning to live in community



If you or someone you know is searching for an opportunity this fall, don't wait to reach out!  
For more information, or to apply, check out the link below.

<https://www.cranhillranch.com/internships>

## CranHill Family Minute

With Joel Russcher, Advancement Director



For many years, our family had the same routine when arriving at CranHill for camping. My wife would go into the office to check in and I would get 3 little bikes off the roof of our old Volvo wagon. We would our boys our site number and they would set out finding new friends, discovering what new animals were in the petting zoo, visiting the playgrounds and maybe catching a frog or two. We typically wouldn't see them for an hour or more, which gave us time to set up our campsite. Eventually they would show up, usually when hungry. Being at CranHill, we never worried about them or their safety as we knew that camp was filled with Christian families that would happily apply a bandage or help them find their way to our campsite.

Galatians 6:10 reminded me of what we experienced so many times at CranHill:

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

We come to camp to get away and relax in God's beautiful creation, to refresh, spend time with family, make new friends and spend time in a community of believers. But it's kind of easy, isn't it – doing good to other Christians? It's my hope and prayer that wherever you vacation this summer, you will come away with the spirit of what the Apostle Paul reminds us, to do good to all people, not just Christians.

It reminds me of this song which was probably sung at CranHill many times over the years:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love!

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me and my family be reflections of your light and love, living the life that Jesus modeled and taught us, glorifying you in everything we say, think and do.



## Friends,

This year, we're blessed to celebrate 25 years of God's faithfulness through the ministry of Love in the Name of Christ here in Allegan County.

Our ministry has ebbed and flowed over those 25 years. Alongside our partner churches and the community of northwest Allegan County, we've seen Love INC through expansions, contractions, location changes, new avenues of caring for and ministering to our community, celebrations, community connections, a pandemic, and so much more.

***We've seen countless lives impacted. We've seen transformation right here in our own community. We've seen God at work for 25 years.***

I want to take a moment to thank you for your involvement—whether you've been around for 25 years or 25 minutes, we appreciate your prayers, your time, your financial contributions, your heart for Love INC.

I'd also like to invite you into some next steps as we look towards the next 25 years.

- Join us at Love INC on September 27 from 4 to 7pm to celebrate where we've been.
- Join us as a volunteer or a financial contributor to lean into where we're going.
- Join us in prayer as we praise God for where we've been and continuously seek His discernment for what's next.

I look forward to continuing to do ministry with you and through Love INC.

In Christ,

**Rev. Barry Lucas D. Min.**  
Executive Director

1997

Bev Schipper, Jan Nyhof, and Esther VanderLaan felt God calling them to help people in their community, and began the process of bringing Love INC to Allegan County.

December  
1999

Love INC received non-profit status and a formal Board of Directors was established.

April  
2000

After 3 years of prayer, consideration, and planning, we opened the doors of Love INC of Northwest Allegan County in an office at M-40 and 136th.

June  
2000

What would become our relational ministry (LIFE Skills) began.

2001

Our Sponsor-A-Family Christmas ministry began.

October  
2002

Jean Edling was hired as our Director of Relational Ministries.

October  
2002

Kirk Vander Molen was hired as our first paid Executive Director.

March  
2003

Our Bedding Pantry opened at Overisel Reformed Church.

August  
2003

Our Back-to-School backpack ministry began.

February  
2004

We expanded our ministry with a satellite office in Allegan, open two days a week. Our Appliance Pantry opened at First Congregational Church in Allegan. Our Baby Needs Pantry opened at First Presbyterian Church. Our Personal Needs Pantry opened at Allegan Bible Church.

March  
2005

Our Homes of Hope Program launched to help homeless families in need.

June 2005	Our LIFE Skills Program expanded into Allegan.
January 2007	Our Heart to Heart Resale Store opened—our largest fundraiser.
February 2008	Love INC moved into our current office space, the old Chevy dealership in Hamilton.
June 2008	We expanded our ministry with a satellite office in Pullman.
October 2009	Our LIFE Skills Program expanded into Pullman.
April 2013	Kirk Vander Molen left Love INC Allegan County, taking the role of Executive Director at Love INC National.
2013-2016	Brian Stauffer served as Executive Director of Love INC Allegan County.
May 2016	Barry Lucas was hired as Executive Director.
2019	Our Allegan LIFE Skills Program closed as a result of limited staffing. We closed our satellite office and LIFE Skills Program in Pullman, enabling the ministry of People Helping People to flourish.
March 2023	We launched our 10 Homes for 10 Families Program.
February 2025	Our Allegan LIFE Skills Program opened back up with an afternoon program.
May 2025	Our first family to complete the 10 Homes for 10 Families Program took ownership of their home.



*Consider your next step with Love INC:*



To join us at Love INC on September 27 from 4 to 7pm to celebrate where we've been, scan the QR code to the left, or visit [loveincnwa.org/25years](http://loveincnwa.org/25years).

To join us as a volunteer and lean into where we're going, scan the QR code to the right, or visit [loveincnwa.org](http://loveincnwa.org).



To join us as a financial contributor to lean into where we're going, return the enclosed envelope, scan the QR code to the left, or visit [loveincnwa.org](http://loveincnwa.org).



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# Gracie Immink's Ministry Update

## Summer Camps & New Stories: July Ministry Update

Greetings from Holland, Michigan!

July has been a full and joyful month! I celebrated our Independence Day with friends and family, enjoyed some days at the beach, and had several meaningful, ministry focused conversations with others.

### Summer Camps Have Started in Korea!

Our summer camps have officially begun! The team on the mainland kicked things off yesterday, and the Jeju Island team is set to begin on Tuesday. Would you join me in praying for these camps? Please pray for the teams and volunteers as they serve, that the students would not only have a lot of fun but also encounter Christ in a personal and meaningful way. We're asking God to move in powerful ways, and that many students would take their next step of faith during these camps.



**Vietnam English Camp!**

### A Story of Transformation from Vietnam

I mentioned in my last update that some of our South Korea team had the opportunity to join the Vietnam team for an English camp again this year, just like we did last summer! Everything went really well!

I wanted to share a powerful story shared from one of my fellow missionaries, Peter;

"I met Angie last year at an English Camp in Vietnam. She had many questions about salvation, and I was able to share with her. On invitation night, she was the first to respond and trust Jesus. After camp, she was baptized at her church.

This year, I met her again at camp. She came right up to me, asked about my testimony, and shared her own story. When I asked about her journey, she told me, 'I want to become a missionary!'

Praise God—He's clearly at work in her life. Please continue praying for her spiritual growth."



**Missionary Pete & Camper Angie**

The team also shared with me that this year, Angie brought her sister with her to camp as well. At first, her sister wasn't interested in Jesus, but Angie had been faithfully praying for her. On the final night of camp, her sister gave her life to Christ, and that same night is when Angie publicly committed herself to becoming a missionary!

There were over 90 campers at the Vietnam camp, and at least 16 made a decision for salvation. Let's continue to pray that each one of them grows deeper in their walk with Jesus—just like Angie!

\*For the team's safety, please do not distribute images. Thank you!



## A Fun NYC Trip!

At the end of June, I visited New York City for a friend's wedding and had the chance to tour the city for a day. One of the sweetest surprises was from a student I mentored during my first year as an intern. She's now attending an art college in NYC, and she gifted our group tickets to The Met Museum! I loved exploring and catching up with friends there.



The Met Museum in NYC



Museum Art

## Monthly Support Progress

In my last newsletter, I mentioned I'm working toward full monthly support. I'm thankful to report that 6 people have already committed to giving regularly! Praise God! Here's what it would take to reach 100% monthly funding:

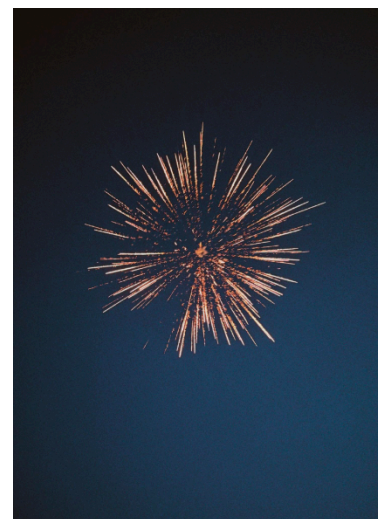
- 41 people giving \$100/month
- 82 people giving \$50/month
- 164 people giving \$25/month

(Each of these totals adds up to the same monthly goal: \$4,100.)

If you're considering joining this mission as a monthly partner through prayer or giving, I would love to connect! Feel free to message me with any questions!

## Prayer Requests

- For the mainland and Jeju teams as they lead and serve students throughout the summer.
- For the church team from Ohio serving in Korea and assisting with the mainland camps.
- For the upcoming International Camp on Jeju Island, with high school students from both Korea and Japan.
- For continued progress toward my monthly support goals—that God would bring the right partners to join this mission.
- For the ongoing spiritual growth of the students who attended the Vietnam camps, especially those who made salvation decisions or are praying about their next steps with Him.



U.S.

Thank you for reading, for praying, and for walking alongside me in this ministry. I'm so grateful for each of you!



# FIRESIDE CHATS

Lives are *changed* at Camp, where Christ is hope!

Dear Friends,

Last summer, I shared about John, a 13-year-old boy carrying deep pain and depression who reluctantly came to Beechpoint for the first time. That week, though he didn't talk or smile much, seeds of faith were planted in his heart as he experienced God's love in a new way.

Two weeks ago, Abby, our camp registrar, reached out to see if John would join us again for Teen Week. He said yes. From the very first day, we could see something different. John was smiling, laughing, and fully engaged. By the end of the week, he ran up to our Camp Director, Dani, and said:

"Miss Dani, when I go home, I'm a new person... I'm done being depressed! I got a Bible! I gave my life to Jesus!"



That week, John and his entire cabin surrendered their lives to Christ! What a joy it is to walk with these kids and witness how God produces beautiful fruit out of scattered seeds of faith year after year.

Lives are changed at Camp, where Christ is hope!

Gratefully,

Brent Boersma

Executive Director, Camp Beechpoint



## PRAISE

Last week, Camp Beechpoint received a new-to-us golf cart! This utility vehicle is already a huge blessing, helping our team move supplies, assist campers, and keep camp running smoothly. We're so thankful for God's timely provision and for friends like you who make ministry at Beechpoint possible!



## PRAY

Only 3 weeks of summer camp remain! Pray for our 57 summer staff as they pour out their hearts for campers each day. Ask God to give them strength, joy, and endurance to finish the summer strong.



## PARTNER

After 5+ years of use, many of our life jackets needed to be retired at the end of June. These jackets are essential for campers to safely enjoy fishing, tubing, boating, and racing down the waterslide!

We recently purchased 21 new life jackets for a total of \$500 to keep these activities running strong. Would you prayerfully consider helping cover this extra camp programming expense?

## THANK YOU!

Camp relies on the support of our community to ensure that families who wouldn't normally have access to a quality Christian camping experience, experience the hope of Christ at Camp. Thank you for your support!

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Greetings!

In early May, Gateway Mission Store was named “Best Thrift Store” in the Holland Community Choice Awards. It’s a title earned not just through sales or selection, but through the ministry and community impact quietly stewarded by two women.

For the past decade, as manager of the Gateway Mission Store, Tina has faithfully overseen change and expansion—with Nancy, the faithful assistant manager, by her side.

Early in her leadership, Tina faced a disinterested and resistant group of a dozen students who had been assigned to intern at the store. After a tense first day, she made a bold move.

She gathered the students, sat them down, and shared her life story—a harrowing journey through childhood abuse, abandonment, emotional and physical trauma, and eventually, healing and redemption. Tina told them everything, “from top to bottom.”

Her vulnerability broke through their walls; by the end, several students apologized, and a few were in tears. Her willingness to be vulnerable opened doors for her to share wisdom. Whatever their addictions or struggles, Tina told them she’s “lived it, done it, bought the t-shirt.”

“There’s a better life. You have to have God in the forefront.”

If you believe in the work of life-change happening every day at Gateway Mission, would you donate today to support our neighbors in need during our Summer Challenge?

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Students gave Tina and Nancy the nickname of “Mama Bears,” referring to their fierce love and advocacy for the interns in their charge.

“It’s a good program—the mama bears will take care of you,” incoming students often hear.

The stories of past students are frequently on Tina’s mind, as she recalls being a mentor and gaining lifelong friends. It’s a motivating factor and even a big part of her daily prayers.

“Nancy and I have a whole list that we pray through.”

Serving customers through a well-staffed and well-stocked store, they view it as a ministry. “We’re here for what God wants us to be,” says Tina. From grieving with customers who’ve lost loved ones to cheering on students finding stability, their work carries a quiet purpose far deeper than thrifting.

As Tina looks to the future, she dreams of seeing former students—men and women who now run various departments—one day running the store. “Our dream is, before we retire, to see all of you run the store. And then we get to come back and mess up stuff,” she says, chuckling.

After nearly ten years of ministry, Tina still believes her work isn’t done. “If it’s time for me to go, it’s time. If not, then I’ll still be here, doing the same thing. Talking to students, sharing my testimony. That’s why I’m here.”

We’re grateful for Tina, Nancy—and friends like you, faithful supporters who enable the important and multi-faceted work of Gateway to continue.

Give the Gift of Lasting Change  
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Faithfully serving,



Jay Riemersma  
Executive Director  
Gateway Mission

P.S. Tina and Nancy’s ministry is changing lives daily. Your gift today, whether large or small, helps keep Gateway Mission Store open as a place of hope and transformation!



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We're hiring passionate people who want to make a difference. Explore our open positions and join a team that truly cares.

Residential Supervisor – Gateway Women & Children's Center

Full-time/Part-time (2nd shift). The Residential Supervisor offers care, the love of Christ, and a safe, welcoming environment to residential guests at Gateway Women's Center.



Community Life Advisor (Women) – Gateway Center

Full-time. The Community Life Advisor provides guidance and accountability to students as well as encourages Christ honoring relationships among all students.

Child Care Director – Gateway Women & Children's Center

Full-time. The Child Care Program Director provides care and programming in a Christ-centered, life-giving environment which earns the trust of both the families and children who are served.

Retail Associate – Gateway Mission Store

Part-time. (1st shift 12 noon – 7 pm). The Retail Associate supports the retail operation by working in various departments as assigned.

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