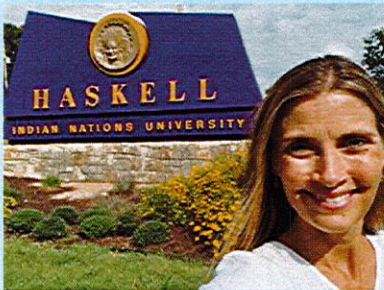


KELLI PRATTE

Serving students through CRU and the Arts - Haskell Indian Nations University

Please pray:

- For wisdom & creativity as we minister to students & share the gospel during Covid.
- For Haskell students to come to know Jesus, be established in their faith, & reach others for Christ
- For protection & strength for these students as they seek to grow in the Lord



Praise

- Praise God for the evidence of His grace in these students' lives. Praise Him for scattering students

Evidence of the Grace of God

During these days of Covid our Life Group from church has been studying the book of Acts together. One of the passages that has caught my attention is Acts 11. After the stoning of Stephen the believers were *scattered* & the gospel continued to go forth. As these *scattered* believers continued to tell "the good news about the Lord Jesus" "a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord." At this time of *scattering* Barnabas was sent from Jerusalem to check on the believers in Antioch. "When he arrived and saw evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts." (Acts 11:23)

I have pondered, "what did this evidence of the grace of God" look like? What did he see in the believers' lives in Antioch? I believe the evidence was the Holy Spirit's work in their lives & the fact that they were still speaking of Jesus and that people were still coming to know Him.

As we hop on our weekly Zoom call with our Native students who are *scattered* all across the US, we see "evidence of the grace of God" in their lives. Although we deeply desire to be meeting around the dinner table together, I realize that the gospel is going forth in new ways because of being *scattered*. We hear stories of them investing in their tribal communities, fighting to keep the youth from falling prey to

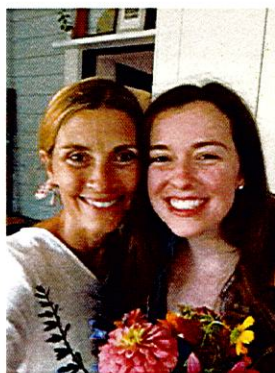
Life Update

- Rick & I have just passed the 10 month mark of living in St. Joseph and are grateful for the ways God is settling us into our home, church and neighborhood.
- Lindsey reported to Manhattan, Kansas, to intern with Cru on the Central Kansas team. We miss her joyful presence here, but are happy for her.
- Libby returned to Arkansas for her final year at JBU. She is living & working in Fayetteville with JBU students & a professor. We are thankful for this unique & fitting living situation.
- Cameron, Grace & Eevee are living & working in Lawrence. I have SO enjoyed some fall walks with them lately!
- As I get ready to celebrate my 50th birthday this month, I have been reflecting on God's kindness toward me. Lately He has brought encouragement my way from seeds sown over the years - now bearing fruit. He has also given me an abundant flower harvest this year!

addiction. We hear of how they are stepping up to lead Bible studies in their communities & churches. We hear how they are taking next steps in becoming able to counsel other Natives. We hear them speaking out against suicide and sharing Scripture & hope with those who feel desperate. And as we pray together, I see evidence of their love for the Lord and their deep desire to walk daily with Him. It's a privilege to hear these firsthand accounts and affirm what I see in their lives! Like Barnabas, I want to encourage them to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts! This past week Priscilla had tears in her eyes & expressed how grateful she was for the encouragement she received by being on our Zoom call. Each of these students seems to carry a heavy load, but I believe each one is being equipped to continue taking the gospel forward - bringing hope to their respective tribes. Thanks for making it possible for me to work with these amazing students! I am grateful for your partnership.



Priscilla sharing about her work with youth on the Kumayaay Reservation in California



♥ - Kelli