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**Praises**

- To date we are 93% to a full time goal with reoccurring giving
- Being able to leave Starbucks to raise support full time

**Prayer**

- Pray for SU students on trip to PA
- This semester of transition at Syracuse University in the chaplaincy
- Pray for us as we share the vision of Every Child with others

*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16*

It has been an incredibly long and busy time for us since our last update.

February proved to be one of the most productive months for us in terms of support raising! God has been so faithful to see His vision funded and we are just humbled by His provision at every step of the way.

With my new role as an incoming chaplain at Syracuse University (SU), I had the chance this month to travel to NYC to meet our soon-to-be new state director for campus ministry. While there, I was able to visit the Staten Island disaster relief project from the Sandy aftermath. It was a great time to be encouraged in ministry and see how students are making a difference through serving on their spring breaks.

Once I returned to Syracuse, there was a team of 14 students up from Summit Church in Estero, FL to serve the city all week for their own spring break. We spent a whole day on the campus of SU sharing

our faith, random acts of kindness, and prayer walking. We continued the week with blessing people at laundromats, grocery stores, gas stations and coffee shops.

I had the opportunity to engage a woman who had been through so much pain recently that, as she shared, she began to weep and explain to me the struggle she is having. I could only stand in awe as God opened my eyes to a painful situation. I prayed for her and let her know that God is the God of comfort and healing. After leaving I felt an even stronger burden for the broken hearted and hurting in our community.

For spring break the campus ministry was able to send 12 students to Pennsylvania to help prepare a local retreat for summer students. Please continue to pray for these students.

Blessings,

THE OWEN FAMILY



EveryChild Initiative

*February has been a fun month! We headed out to Lakes Church Auburn this month. They had asked me to*

*come and preach as well as share about the Initiative (ECI). We had a great time getting to know multiple families in a different county who were already fostering upwards of 8 kids at once! Please continue to*

*pray for Pastor Joshua and his team there. We also started a fund for the Every Child Initiative to be able to leverage resources for the sake of helping families with adoption expenses and trainings.*



## February Photos



This is the disaster relief headquarters for the Baptist Convention. It is known as "Tent City." Each of the white dome tents house upwards of 25 people and the entire place has a capacity of 300! There are also restrooms and showers. All of this being hosted in the back parking lot of a Zion church.

This is a couple students from a neighboring college that I was able to visit while in Staten Island.

The owner of this house had quit his job and sold most of their possessions in order to buy all the materials he needed to rebuild his house. The house had to be gutted because of the water damage from the storm. New electric, walls and heater.



This is the team from Summit Church in FL that spent their entire spring break here in Syracuse. They are praying in the chaplains suite at Hendricks Chapel on the campus of SU before heading out to prayer walk. It was amazing the interaction they had with students! They all came back and said the same thing, "No one here wants to talk to us and when they do they certainly don't want to talk about anything spiritual!"