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Grace Klein Community Newsletter

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OUR PURPOSE

To demonstrate the love of Christ

Grace Klein Community exists as an educational and charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit providing relief to the poor, the distressed and the underprivileged, lessening community tensions, eliminating prejudice and discrimination and combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.

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THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

What will we do the next 24 days of our lives as we anticipate day 25? Will our time be restful or frantic? Joyful or snippy? Shopping or serving? Preparing or abiding? Maybe we will have a mixture of all of it, working to comply with the demands of our culture while seeking to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

We all want to say we celebrate Jesus. Some go look at nativity scenes or make a Happy Birthday Jesus cake, others intentionally celebrate Advent or read the Word with their families. Some really want to celebrate Jesus, but don't know how so maybe they listen to Christmas music and tell their kids about baby Jesus. You know, it's hard to know how to keep the focus on Jesus in the midst of the holiday parties, late night gift wrapping, finding time to shop and the decorating. How do we enjoy traditions and keep the focus, the spotlight, the point on Jesus?

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LOCALEFFORTS

Gifts for the Forgotten

Did you know most HIV/AIDS patients are totally rejected by humanity? Maybe they are modern day lepers and that breaks our hearts because it has to break Jesus' heart. Remember he healed the lepers. We like to honor and bless the ones who are battling this tough illness. The director of one of the clinics explained how many sell everything they have to be able to afford the medicine they need to stay alive. Often this leaves them without basic necessities. Couldn't we do something?

You can help by donating the following items:

Blankets, socks, new underwear, lotions, soaps, shampoo, conditioner, feminine products, lip balm, cleaning supplies, Sudoku and crossword puzzles, stationary, candles, toboggans, scarves, gloves etc.

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"Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways." – Psalm 128:1

November Food Delivery

This month, 44 groups of volunteers (married couples, small groups & individuals) delivered 217 food boxes to families in and around Birmingham. Our monthly food delivery ministry is a great way to get involved in the community of Birmingham, Alabama!

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We are in **URGENT NEED** of **VOLUNTEERS** for our monthly food delivery ministry. A number of families are currently on the waiting list to receive food boxes due to the shortage of delivery teams. Email ryan@gracekleincommunity.com for more information on how to get involved.



GLOBAL EFFORTS

Belize Outreach – October 29 ~ November 2, 2015

Paul and Tracey Sims, missionaries originally from Thomasville, Alabama, have been serving in Progresso for three years. God sent a team of 9 men, through Grace Klein Community, to serve alongside Paul and Tracey, from October 29 to November 2, 2015. The goal for this trip was to assist Paul with building irrigation towers in the fields.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read testimonies from a few of the men who served on the team.

Help us Raise the Roof – Kwathu Children's Home

Kwathu Children's Home, located in Livingstone, Zambia, is a longtime partner of Grace Klein Community.

A current hardship for the Kwathu Children's Home is the arrival of the rainy season. They are scrambling to get a roof on the current structure before the rains ruin the material they have on hand. \$2500 will complete the roof on this building that will serve as a place for the children to receive consistent counseling from the onsite social worker as well as a place for administrative needs and safe storage of tangible donations.

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November 2015 Update - Beats and Books

We would love to thank every individual, family, company and the churches who have carried us through the Library Dreams Project.

We continue to trust the Lord for a breakthrough for the rest of the money required to purchase the building.

Read the [LATEST NEWS](#) on the Library dreams project. There is HOPE.

Will you TRUST with us for a miracle?

BETTER TOGETHER

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12: 4-5

Our “better togethers” introduce various members of Grace Klein Community and help us understand how our different giftings work together to form one body. We are better together.



Whimsy and Creative

We need whimsy and creative. The unexpected, disorganized chaos that turns into unbridled beauty. You know these type, the ones you are drawn to because they are different than you and you cannot imagine thinking like they do or living like them. Or maybe you are this kind and you know you can let your hair down and be free. Grace Klein Community is better when the order, label maker, planner types collide with the last minute, flying by the seat of their pants, dreamers. Something about our differences make us better together.

One such poetry lover, slat painter, chicken farmer, wild flower bouquet creator, hostess with the mostest is Jennifer Vines. [READ MORE](#)

Humble Heart

Loving God's people means loving the world. Kenyan, Syrian, Belizean, Zambian, South African, Indian, Albanian, Taiwanese, Guatemalan, Brazilian, El Salvadorian, and American are a few of the nationalities of people we hear and see Michael Kline praying for and loving in an intentional way. Michael is committed to our Monday night prayer group and courageously participates even though he is a dominant introvert. He has shared God's work in his own life, invites visiting missionaries and prays with vigor.

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Laugh Loud. Be Boisterous. Show the World Jesus is Fun!

Every good group needs a raging Cajun, the one who doesn't hold back, who will say it like it is, who will laugh from the depths of who they are, make pans of bread pudding, support the smallest endeavors, and remind us life should be a big Jesus party.

So what that Sandy Burke lives in Louisiana. She's a better together of Grace Klein Community. Her laugh, shhh, if you close your eyes and listen hard, you may can hear it. Her laugh is from a deep place of hope driven by perseverance and trust in the One that reminded us, 'Hey, this life will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world.' [READ MORE](#)

No Grocery November

Yes, you read that correctly. No groceries purchased for the month of November. How is that possible? Here's the idea. Live on what you have left in your fridge, freezer and pantry for one month. Give what you would have spent on groceries to the ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community. One family has enjoyed "No Grocery November" for two consecutive years. They actually start looking forward to how God will creatively provide in November. [READ MORE](#)



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HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED IN NOVEMBER

Agape Feast November 14, 2015

"Six people arrived at my apartment. The group consisted of different ages, different interests, and different walks of life. One was a teacher at Samford University, two were children being homeschooled, and we even had a couple that was preparing for a mission trip. Each had their own unique testimony, but we all shared one important thing, we were brothers and sisters in Christ, and that is what we were there to celebrate!

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The Church at Brookhills Serve Day October 31, 2015

Around 75 youth from The Church at Brookhills flooded Grace Klein Community sites all around the city. For approximately four hours, kids and chaperones worked fast and diligently.

The rain danced around us as we worked. Much was accomplished through prayer, fellowship and working hard with our hands.

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Guatemala Night & Parents' Night Out November 1 & 13, 2015

In an effort to raise support for our mission trip to Guatemala, we were able to raise money through many ways but with a lot of support coming from two events; Guatemala Night and Parents' Night Out. In both of these events, we saw God's sovereignty and provisions. We are so grateful for all the support we received both monetarily and spiritually.

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THANK YOU to the 25 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



Thank You



THANK YOU to the 73 individuals and families as well as the 10 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

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