



Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

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WHAT WE VALUE

Grace Klein Community

Based in Birmingham, Alabama, Grace Klein Community is a 501(c)3 non-profit.

We long to change our world by teaching people how to truly share with one another. We desire to be much more than just a charity that gives stuff. We want to build relationships that mean something and that can encourage and spur people on to be better. Our mission is simple... to show people that they are loved and to spread the idea that everyone has something to give. If we all share, we can all have enough. Time, money, talents, skills, love, grace, and kindness. We are more effective together than apart as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

- 05/02/2015: [Madhuri's Mission Yard Sale](#)
- 05/12/2015: [Briarwood Service Day](#)
- 05/15/2015: [Tarrant Elementary Field Day](#)
- 05/15/2015: [Help move Food Boxes](#)
- 05/19/2015: [Business Networking Event](#)
- 05/16/2015: [Food Delivery](#)
- 05/22/2015: [Camping Week Starts](#)
- 06/20/2015: [A Ride for Hope](#)



UPCOMING MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT!

Mother's Day – May 10th

Although our hearts often feel full, we sometimes leave our appreciations unsaid. There's nothing quite like a mothers unconditional love and friendship, the Grace we receive when we least deserve it, and the comforts of a mothers heart.

Thinking of something special to bless your mom with this Mother's Day? How about purchasing a unique item from our online Etsy Store? Not only will your mother be blessed, but Grace Klein Community and our partner ministries will reap the benefits too. A double blessing! Visit our online Etsy Store: [BeMoreRandom](#)





GLOBAL EFFORTS

The Library Dreams Project has a new name!

“As some of you may know, we represent LXP – The Leadership Experience, which has five ministries. One of these is our children’s ministry called The Library Dreams Project (also known as Taletha Koum).

However, over the years it has been a little cumbersome to explain to everyone we met what the name of the ministry meant and to clarify that Taletha Koum and The Library Dreams Project are one in the same.

We prayed and the Lord gave us a simplified name that instantly depicts our ministry. The new ministry name is: “Beats and Books,” representing Music and Literacy.” - Cornelius & Prima Ngosa [READ MORE](#)

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.” Psalm 2:8

Beats and Books Jeffrey’s Bay, South Africa

Our friends and representatives of our ministry partner, [The Leadership Experience](#), Cornelius and Prima Ngosa, will be visiting the states to raise funds for the Library Dreams Project in Jeffrey’s Bay, South Africa. Cornelius and Prima will be in the following areas if you have friends in these areas that would provide speaking opportunities:

- April 24th - May 2nd: North Potomac, Maryland
- May 2nd - May 11th: San Diego, California
- May 11th - May 13th: Holland, Michigan
- May 15th - May 25th: Springfield, Missouri
- May 25th - May 31st: Little Rock, Arkansas

Please email scott@gracekleincommunity.com if you have friends in these areas that would extend an opportunity for them to share. [READ MORE](#)



South Africa Mission Trip Update – Samantha Dopson

“God has shown me many things on my three week mission trip to South Africa. One lesson I have learned is even if I do not have a specific skill to offer people, I can always give my time and love. The little things we do for people can be the biggest blessings. Washing their clothes, or their dishes or even cooking a little meal for them, God uses us to be His hands and feet. God has shown me that I am very fortunate. “

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LOCAL EFFORTS

March Food Delivery

This month, 52 groups of volunteers (married couples, small groups & individuals) delivered 208 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: [READ MORE](#)

April 5th, 2015, Metro CME church hosted their second food delivery of the year, and distributed 25 food boxes to families in need.

We are in **URGENT** need of volunteers for our monthly food delivery outreach. 17 families are currently on the waiting list to receive food boxes due to our shortage of delivery teams. Email gabe@gracekleincommunity.com for more information on how to get involved.





What do we have to give?

One of the first creative ways that God showed me to give was to donate my hair. I cannot remember how I learned of the idea, but I remember realizing... "I can grow out my hair and give it away. How hard can that be?" So began a cycle of growing my hair, cutting it off, giving it away and growing my hair out again. One reason I love to donate my hair is it takes time and perseverance. Hair takes a while to grow so it is not immediate gratification. Hair growth is waiting on God to prepare the gift. Another reason I love it is I never know who it helps so the gift cannot become about me. Never will I see a cancer patient running around with a wig and think, "there goes my hair." Rather, it's a gift that goes where God wants it to go and is an offering to God.

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"For there is one body & one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future." Eph 4:4

«For there is one body & one Spirit; just as we, though many, are one body, so we, though many, are one Spirit.» Eph 4:4

"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.



Good and Faithful Servant

Have you ever worked with all your might unto the Lord? The kind of work others do not notice or see. Have you risen early and collapsed late to serve the King of Kings? In that obedience, have you felt lonely, isolated and exhausted? Have you continued to be obedient when the way is difficult and the "how far" is unknown??

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Persistent in Prayer

The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing and we can pray in the quiet of our bedroom, in the shower, driving to work, sitting at our desk, at the park, while we cook dinner, at the ballfields and when we pay the bills. We can pray in our coming and going, in our stillness and chaos, and in the midst of great joy and horrible sorrow. Do we remember to pray? One precious lady in our community not only prays, but she has a gift to pray.

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A Different Kind of Love

When you wonder how the pallets were broken for the encouragement slats, the property line of the community house was cleared with a machete, or a picnic was planned at the local park, the prime suspect may be Andrew Varvoutis.

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Sunshine on a Rainy Day

Sometimes love comes in hugs, hundreds of them, jubilant worship singing, giggles and "amen, play ball." When you picture a person that exudes joy, we are guessing you see Sarah. She's the one running around the room giving everyone a hug. She's laughing and she's more than delighted to see you as much as she was to see the person she hugged before you and that one she will catch after you.

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UPCOMING MAY EVENTS

ANNUAL CAMPING WEEK - OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Camping week will be here before you know it! Register your family now! Camping week will start Friday, **May 22nd, 2015**, and end Monday, June 1st, 2015, at Oak Mountain State Park. We will book all sites close together and inform you closer to the time on which site we will share all common meals. To register, or for further information, click on the "[REGISTER NOW](#)" below.



REGISTER NOW!



"May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how wide and how deep His love is." Eph 3:18

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HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED IN APRIL

April 16th, 2015

Grace Klein Community staff, Scott Elliott & Gabe Thomas attended [WorkFaith Birmingham's](#) workshop and had the opportunity of share how God is using Grace Klein Community all around Birmingham, AL and other parts of the world.

April 8th, 2015

A refrigerator, stove, kitchen table & chairs were delivered to a Lovelady Graduate.

April 15th, 2015

A washer dryer was delivered to another Lovelady Graduate through Grace Klein Community.



THANK YOU to the 21 families who shared in tangible donations this month!



THANK YOU to the 155 individuals and families who gave financially this month!

BUSINESS PARTNERS

Grace Klein Community would like to express our sincere thanks to our Business Partners for their support. Business Partners help make it possible for Grace Klein Community to provide food, clothing, and essential household items to aid individuals and families in need throughout the Birmingham Metro area and around the world.

iRefer is a local business networking group that has partnered with Grace Klein Community. The group provides a positive, supportive, and structured environment to exchange quality business referrals. *iRefer* also offers its Members the opportunity to share ideas, contacts, and most importantly, business referrals in a structured meeting once a week. At the same time, they help educate Members new to Business Networking on how to go out to other events and make the best use of their time, building relationships with people that can help further your business.

iRefer members have made several donations to Grace Klein Community, are assisting with monthly food delivery, and are currently leading a canned food drive for the May food delivery.

If your business or employer may be interested in becoming a Business Partner, please visit our "[How to Become a Business Partner](#)" page.

