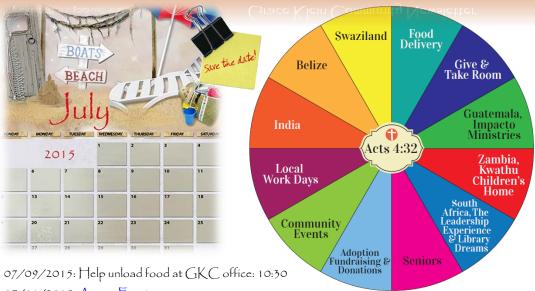
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# Grace Klein Community Newsletter

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Community

#### **OUR VISION**

To show people that they are deeply valued and that we all have something to give.

Every person wants to know they are loved and that they matter. Grace Klein Community strives to live out community as a verb, providing people a forum to share what they have so everyone has what they need. Sharing is the give and take relationship of listening, time, resources, money, talents, and encouragement that benefits more than ourselves. Community is the risk of trusting that you belong to the other person as much as they belong to you, so that each cares for the other as much as they care for themselves. When we live in a way that "my plenty meets your need so in turn, your plenty meets mine," then we have the power of Christ's love to change the world.

07/11/2015: Agape Feast

07/11/2015: Metro CME's Food Delivery

07/15/2015: Help unload food at GKC office: 10:30

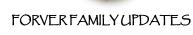
07/17/2015: <u>Help Move Food Boxes</u>

07/18/2015: Monthly Food Delivery

07/26/2015: Seeds Event (to be announced)

#### Meet the McDonald Family!

"Isn't it amazing how this word, bless, can be used as a verb, adjective and a noun? Isn't it just like our God to give us such a powerful word to describe the past, present and future? These words, in this order, Bless... Blessings...
Blessed, describe our adoption journey to Avery Lane McDonald." READ MORE



BLESS...BLESSINGS...BLESSED

# Upcoming Event Highlight for July 2015 Agape Feast - July 11, 2015

An evening of encouragement and reflection not to be missed! Come celebrate and share how Christ has loved you! Sign up before July 11<sup>th</sup> and ask God how you can contribute to the evening to encourage others whether through sharing a special moment, a scripture or a song. Come prepared for an evening filled with fellowship, laughter and God stories!

READ MORE and don't forget to SIGN UP!





# **GLOBALEFFORTS**

# Our Journey across America - Beats and Books Fundraiser

"...Down south in Alabama, Monday prayer and worship nights with Grace Klein Community were a hit. Cornelius was able to share and teach. We had great fellowship and a brief reentry into the lives of our community on the other side of the world. Hoved hearing and discussing how we all are growing closer in intimate relationship with our Father and what we were learning in our lives as fellow workmanship in Christ. We love the people in Birmingham. As cliché as it may seem, this part of Alabama has become like home for us because we have a Christ-family there who support the vision God has given us and our personal lives tremendously." READ MORE



"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:5



# African Fundraising Party

Have a party and raise some money. Why not? What else do we need? One of the Grace Klein Community kids decided to do just that - celebrate her birthday by giving it away. We promise we didn't make her give her chance for gifts away. She was delighted to share Africa with a few friends and thought it would be a fun experience for her friends who have never been to Africa.

The girls learned about African culture, from face paint (artist Aunt Prima), to African dress, to hand washing. Attendees ate with their hands as they tried nshima (made by Cornie over an open fire), cabbage, drumsticks and gravy. African songs were sung and an African story told by Aunt Prima in the tent before bed. They fell asleep to the "scary" sounds of bugs and barking dogs but they were imagining giraffes and elephants. READ MORE.

# North Shelby Baptist Church VBS - Mission Focus

June 15 through June 19, 2015, North Shelby Baptist Church held their annual VBS (Vacation Bible School.) As a sweet surprise to us, North Shelby Baptist committed to donating any offerings collected throughout the week to one of Grace Klein Community's partner ministries, Kwathu Children's Home.

On Monday, June 15, Natalie Spronk had the opportunity of briefly sharing with the children about Kwathu and their current goals for the building progress. The children were fired up and excited to be a part of raising funding to support orphaned and vulnerable children in Africa. They most certainly got their thinking caps on and thought of creative ways to help raise support. READ MORE



# **LOCALEFFORTS**

#### June Food Delivery

This month, 43 groups of volunteers (married couples, small groups & individuals) delivered 196 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

We are incredibly grateful to The Tiger Rock - Greystone taekwondo group who came to assist us between 7 and 9am on Saturday morning to help prepare the food boxes with fresh produce and frozen foods!



# Our friends, Godfrey and Elizabeth Mosobase

The Leadership Experience, Lesotho ~ "Serving the people of Lesotho as ambassadors for Christ for the glory of God and discipling others to do the same."

Grace Klein Community had the pleasure of meeting Godfrey and Elizabeth this month, Program Directors of The Leadership Experience in Lesotho, Africa.

We had the opportunity of supporting them at a worship gathering hosted by CrossBridge Church in Birmingham, AL, and Godfrey and Elizabeth also served with our local food delivery ministry during their time in Birmingham. READ MORE

# "Every time | think of you, | give thanks to my God." - Philippians 1:3

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"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.

# When a Stranger becomes Family

We met a guy at a coffee house after praying out a Belize team. A few weeks later he showed up on Monday nights for prayer group and a few months after that he jumped on a plane with us to serve Christ at Kwathu Children's Home in Zambia.

Three months later he quit his job and moved to South Africa for eight months to attend a leadership school through another one of our partner ministries, The Leadership Experience.

Sounds unlikely, even a fabricated story, but it happened. A stranger became family.

#### READMORE



# Loving in the Jungle

Adrian is the computer teacher at King's College in the small jungle village of Lucky Strike in Belize. King's is a small Christian high school serving rural villages. Many of the students travel a great distance to go to school and must work very hard to graduate.

As a graduate of King's himself, Adrian is devoted to the school and the students and is passionate about making sure they know the love of Christ. He sacrifices his time and the lure of a high-paying job to serve these students and his fellow teachers. READ MORE

# Behind the Scenes

Julie and her mom, Susie, have been delivering food boxes since the food ministry started about five years ago.

Julie has a persistence and dedication that inspires to face challenges, try new things and trust God for the unknown. They have rarely missed a month in the last five years and always show up joyful and ready to serve.

Susie has built relationships with grocery store butchers and works all month to find bargains and buy meats that we can give to the food box recipients. We find our storage freezers, at Asbury UMC, full of meat because of Susie's faithfulness to do what she says she will do. READ MORE





# Second Annual Condo Raffle - Swaziland Missions Fundraiser

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are raffling off their Pensacola Bay Condo for 5 days and 4 nights, as a Swaziland Missions Fundraiser. The raffle is for any 4 night 5 day period available this summer or fall. The Condo is on Escambia Bay, one mile from historic downtown Pensacola and 10 minutes over the bridges to beautiful Pensacola Beach. The Lesibovu Carepoint takes care of over 120 poor and orphaned children with Children's Hope Chest. A team will be going this fall to minister to the children there, through Grace Klein Community.

READ MORE to purchase your raffle tickets!

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# HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED IN JUNE

# Camping Week 2015

Grace Klein Community held our annual camping week from May 22nd to June 1st, 2015 this year! There is no greater feeling than that of being away from the hustle and bustle of city life. READ MORE



# Ride for Hope

June 20, 2015, Grace Klein
Community hosted a motorcycle ride
and bike show in support of a Grace
Klein Community team, who plan to
travel and minister at the Lesibovu
Carepoint in Swaziland this fall.

# **READ MORE**



# GKC on Air and in the Paper!

June 3, 2015, representatives from two
of our ministry partners, Kwathu
Children's Home and Beats and
Books, were interviewed on the Von
Goodwin show. If you missed the show,







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Anyone who wants to get involved can participate in a number of mustaries if from making home-mode laundry detergent to hoosing poduck dinners. To lea more, visit gravidein.community.com.

— Betham

# MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

Seeds Coffee Company began when a group of friends started roasting coffee in their kitchen using a Whirly Pop popcorn roaster. What originally started out as a hobby quickly developed into a passion for coffee, including a desire to learn as much as possible about the roasting process. Through trial and error, thorough online research and training sessions, they learned about detailed aspects of coffee, including sourcing, roasting, and tasting – always seeking out "a better cup."

Seeds Coffee is a Birmingham, AL, coffee shop that is as lively and active as it is warm and welcoming. They believe in giving their customers hand-crafted coffee from the best coffee beans in the world – and believe that a cup of coffee isn't just a cup of coffee. It's also a piece of art.



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 serve individuals and families in need, throughout the Birmingham Metro area and around the world.

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