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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.

- 07/09/2015: Help unload food at GKC office: 10:30
- 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: [Help Move Food Boxes](#)
- 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](#)



FOR EVER FAMILY UPDATES

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 11th 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!

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GLOBAL EFFORTS

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 re-entry into the lives of our community on the other side of the world. I loved 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 6:9



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](#)



LOCAL EFFORTS

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 I think of you, I give thanks to my God.” – Philippians 1:3

“Every time I think of **BETTER TOGETHER**,” – Philippians 1:3

“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.

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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!

Be sure to follow us on Instagram: [graceklein_1](#)

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](#)

THANK YOU to the 70 individuals and families as well as the 14 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

THANK YOU to the 17 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!

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.

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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, [CLICK HERE!](#)

MISSION MAKERS

Serving through Sharing: Grace Klein

One of the first lessons that children learn sharing. But is it possible that the adults also teach this lesson often forget to practice it?

Waltman, president of Birmingham based Grace Klein Community, believes that it's a lesson worth learning again. "Grace Klein Community is a living, moving entity of people who share their gifts and talents and resources and perspectives to encourage, grow and support one another," said Waltman. "The more people who help, the more people who need it."

The primary guiding principle of Grace Klein Community is "share what you have" and the organization's website is a principle taken from the model of the New

Testament church. "We all have something to give and we all have need. If we all share our talents, our abilities, our time, our unwavering support, our money, our love, we can change the world together."

Members of Grace Klein reach out on a local and global level with a variety of programs aimed at providing help for people, regardless of the need. Local outreach includes delivering food and serving at senior homes, as well as organizing local work days and a "give and take room," where, according to Waltman, "anyone can come give what they don't need and take what they do."

Globally, the community contributes to outreach in places like Swaziland, Guatemala and South Africa. "We help with Compassion shoe boxes, mission trip supplies and fundraising efforts," said Waltman. The organization is also partnered with Kwathu Children's Home, a faith-based home in Zambia. "As with any endeavor," said Waltman, "God is always doing more than we can hope for or imagine."

Anyone who wants to get involved can participate in a number of ministries ranging from making homemade laundry detergent to hosting potluck dinners. To learn more, visit [gracekleincommunity.com](#).

— Bethany Adams

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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