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# Grace Klein Community Newsletter

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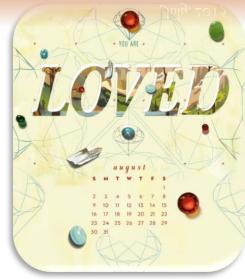
# **OURMISSION**

## To create authentic community.

Grace Klein Community seeks to create authentic community (Koinonia) by uniting diverse individuals, businesses, ministries, and churches to work together by sharing what they have in order to meet physical and spiritual needs both locally and globally.

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God's Garage Sale: 8/1/2015

Birmingham United Soccer Team Food Drive: 8/2/2015

Pelham FBC Mission Day: 8/5/2015

Belize Mission Trip: 8/14 - 8/17/2015

Brazilian Luau: 8/15/2015

Help Move Food Boxes: 8/21/2015

Monthly Food Delivery: 8/22/2015

Missionary Service: Liberty Church: 8/23/2015

Love India - Benefit Dinner: 9/13/2015

### UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT FOR AUGUST 2015

Brazilian Luau-August 15, 2015

Why? To unite various cultures in Christian Community
When? August 15, 2015 Time? 5pm
Where? Horizon Church - 2345 Columbiana Road, Birmingham, 35216

Come and experience a Brazilian Party in support of Kwathu Children's Home, Livingstone, Zambia. There will be 5 booths with various traditional foods and information from all around the country. North, Northeast, Center-west, Southeast and the South.

Brazil is the largest country in South America and the 5th largest country in the world. With a variety of culture and history, there is a lot to experience. Brazilians love music and dancing. So be ready to enjoy this fun night and sing some songs in Portuguese. Beautiful jewelry and crafts will be available to purchase. Even though the party is over you can bring home a little of Brazil with you!



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#### **GLOBALEFFORTS**

#### ROJO Birmingham - Global Missions Fundraiser

On June 30, 2015, Rojo Birmingham contributed 10% of all sales between 5 and 8 PM towards one of our partner ministries, Kwathu Children's Home, Livingstone, Zambia.

Merchandise from our <u>BeMoreRandom</u> store was also available for purchase at the event in support of the home.

Through food and beverage sales, as well as store merchandise, we were able to raise over \$700!

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# LOCALEFFORTS

#### Life in the Garden

A community garden is intentional, hard work, inspiring, unifying, hope, evidence of miracles, provision, and grace. A community garden can also be frustrating, disappointing, full of weeds, work, hot, death and dirty. A community garden is a visual story of life in sin, battle, freedom, waiting, trust and Jesus.

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## July Food Delivery

This month, 47 groups of volunteers (married couples, small groups & individuals) delivered 213 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 month food delivery ministry. 16 families are currently on the waiting list to receive food boxes due to the shortage of delivery teams.

Email <a href="mailto:scott@gracekleincommunity.com">scott@gracekleincommunity.com</a> for more information on how to get involved.



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#### Local and Global Efforts Fundraiser

## BeMoreRandom - Grace Klein Community Online Etsy Store

"Etsy is a marketplace where people around the world connect, both online and offline, to make, sell and buy unique goods."

Grace Klein Community opened an online Etsy Store called <u>"BeMoreRandom"</u> stocked with items from different parts of the world, along with handmade items from various volunteers.

Visit our store and purchase from us to help us fund a children's home in Zambia, a Library and Music Academy in South Africa, a computer Lab in Belize, a feeding program in Swaziland and Guatemala, and a well in India.

Some call this a double gift!

### Worship in the Park

"Worship in the Park began as an act of faith, stepping outside the norm, and committing to making God known in a tangible way. It is a simple idea that can take on spontaneous forms. The vision is to bring godly music and prayer into public places (like a park), to take action to show the love of Jesus to the streets, and be available for anyone seeking hope and peace that endures. Anyone is welcome to join in by bringing an instrument, song, or readiness to encourage. We change locations every week and send out a text on Monday to those who have shown interest. It is different every week, and that is very intentional. The Lord works uniquely in places and people to reveal different sides of His character."



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"Those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples." - Jesus

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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 God Says Move

The Morrows are a beautiful example of living life together.

They are a "wherever you are, be all there" kind of people. They spur us on to love and good deeds. They invest in what they cannot yet see because of their faith in Jesus. They value the Word of God and share truth through conversations. We are better with the Morrows.

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#### Faith in Action

Two replaced knees may keep her off her physical knees, but it doesn't stop her prayers from reaching Jesus. What's not to love about Sheila? God's working on her and He's sure creating something beautiful with this woman. Sheila Parks does not let circumstances define her future, or the future of her community.



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## Be a Missionary Always

In December 2012, Gabe Thomas joined the staff of Grace Klein Community. He holds a special honor in the history of our organization! He will always be the first paid staff member. The creation of his position symbolized growth, faith and trust in what we could not see. God has used Gabe to meet many hidden needs, handle technical improvements, coordinate behind the scene projects, oversee mission trips, maintain proper donation records, travel around the world, build relationships with our global partners, and give us an example of taking huge risks to follow Jesus. READ MORE

#### #GKCrossBorders

Grace Klein Community seeks to create authentic community by uniting diverse individuals, businesses, ministries, and churches to work together by sharing what they have in order to meet physical and spiritual needs both locally and globally.

With this being our mission, Grace Klein Community has created a hashtag: #GK CrossBorders to demonstrate that community has no borders. Here's a picture of our friend Edy serving in Zambia through the Leadership Experience.

Whenever you wear your Grace Klein Community Shirt or use your Grace Klein Community coffee mug, post a photo on any social media site and hashtag #GK Cross Borders, and remember to post where you are in the world. Let's show the expanse and unity of community!



Be sure to follow us on Instagram: graceklein\_1

## HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED IN JULY

# Agape Feast - July 11, 2015

With last minute attendees, the Agape Feast met in 3 host homes, with a guest list of over 40 people. Each feast was different, and we all celebrated the goodness of Jesus.

The next Agape Feast will be held on November 7, 2015. Save the date!

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#### Chubbs Grub Station - Global F fforts

On Tuesday, July 28, 2015, <u>Chubbs Grub</u>
<u>Station</u> in Alabaster contributed 10% of their sales, from 5 – 8 PM, towards one of our partner ministries, Kwathu Children's Home.

Thank you to our Grace Klein Community friends who came to show their love and support!



THANK YOU to the 40 individuals and families as well as the 8 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

THANK YOU to the 15 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



#### MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"To dine with the Greeks is to gather around the communal table. When you savor a meal at <u>Taziki's</u>, we hope you can tell how passionately we care about our community. We pride ourselves in supporting local charities and non-profits with donations of food and funds that help to impact their worthy causes."

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A big thank you to Taziki's for donating towards our community event, The Agape Feast, held on July 11, 2015. All attendees received a free Taziki's Hummus coupon that evening.

Grace Klein Community would like to express our sincere thanks to our <u>Business Partners</u> 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.

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