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## OUR PURPOSE

### 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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GOT QUESTIONS?

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## UPCOMING OCTOBER HIGHLIGHT

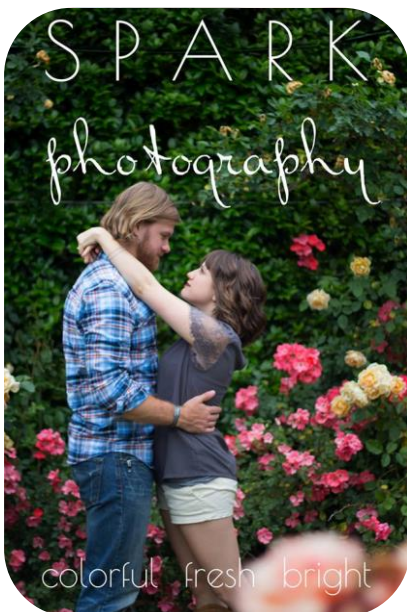
### Mini Fall Sessions ~ Local and Global Efforts Fundraiser

[Spark Photography](#), a local [business partner](#) of Grace Klein Community, will be hosting mini sessions this fall in support of our local and global ministry efforts.

The mini sessions will take place on October 24 & 25, 2015, from 4:30 - 5:30 PM, with a suggested donation of \$100 per session. Each session will be approximately 20 minutes, and individuals/families will receive 20 images on a CD, with a print release, mailed to their door.

Email [sparkphotog@gmail.com](mailto:sparkphotog@gmail.com) to book your slot.

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## LOCAL EFFORTS

### Hand to Mouth. We should love.

Hand to mouth. We all know someone that lives this way. Maybe we don't know their name, but we should. Many people living hand to mouth struggle to have enough resources to purchase these items on a consistent basis. They don't talk about it, but it is a hidden stressor. One more thing to stretch. What if...

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"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." – Mother Teresa

### Brewer Family Adoption

"Hi, we're Nathan and Laura, and we have embarked on the journey of domestic adoption. We're both in our late 20's, and have been married for 7 years.

Ever since our relationship began 10 years ago, we always knew that adoption would be part of our story. Recently, God has blessed us with a job and residence stable enough to be able to pursue domestic adoption."

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## GLOBALEFFORTS

### Fill the Shelves

Stevenson Klotz Law of Pensacola, FL, has partnered with Grace Klein Community to support our global partner the Leadership Experience through the [Beats and Books](#) program in Jeffrey's Bay, South Africa. As musicians and avid readers, these partners have chosen to invest globally in township kids in South Africa through the non-profit Grace Klein Community, based in Birmingham, AL. Through the Beats and Books program, music and literacy partner together to empower and inspire the future of children.

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### Feeling called to go?

A team from Grace Klein Community will be traveling to Progresso, Belize, October 29th through November 2nd. We will be working with Paul and Tracey Sims, who are missionaries originally from Thomasville, Alabama. They have been serving in Progresso for three years. The goal of this trip is to assist Paul with building irrigation towers in the fields. We are hoping to take a team of 8 to 10 men. We estimate the cost to be approximately \$900 per person, but this will be shared by team fundraising prior to our trip. Pray about joining us on this trip! [READ MORE](#)



### Help Send us to Guatemala

"For the last 5 years, I have had the privilege of serving alongside our Guatemalan brothers and sisters, [Impacto Ministries](#) and fellow believers from the states as we try to reach their country with the gospel. Each year I have been amazed by the evidence of God's grace and provision as he uses His church to accomplish His mission for His glory. Grace Klein Community will be sending a team to Guatemala again, in December of this year, and we are looking forward with anticipation of coming alongside the local churches and ministries as they reach their communities." [READ MORE](#)

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - The Leadership Experience, Lesotho

Grace Klein Community has a new partnership in Lesotho, Directed by Godfrey and Elizabeth Mosobase.

"The vision for LXP Lesotho was conceived in 2007 when I, Godfrey, went home to my village Nkoeng, just outside Butha-Buthe, Lesotho for a two week holiday while I was a student in LXP's training program. God revealed to me the deep needs of children growing up without clear direction for their lives, without values to make the right choices, and without parents to love them."

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## 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.



### I want more of You God

Do we live for the more? Are we praying for more? More of God. More of Jesus. More of the Holy Spirit. More love. More power. More kindness. More self-control. More grace. More love. More of Jesus in our lives.

The more. The irony of "more" is that's the first four letters of Jessica Moreira's last name and she is living for the MORE. Less of Jessica and more of Jesus. One of her favorite shirts says boldly, "I want more of You God." And that t-shirt gives her wide open doors to share the love of Jesus in so many different places. [READ MORE](#)

### "My schedule is available so why am I not available?"

Something about Maria is contagious. She's spunky, outgoing, generous, creative and organized. She is joyful, adventurous and fun. She is living an abundant life with Jesus and when she interacts with others, she is the aroma of Christ.

She's also super sneaky with a surprise up her sleeve. She wraps random gifts and delivers them around town, drops desserts by the fire station, and may surprise you with some French fries. When a freezer accidentally defrosted, she cooked and delivered meals to others in the community. Maybe that's just it, she thrives in the organized random of God-sized interruptions and we are all the better for it. [READ MORE](#)



### Not Alone in the Boat

A friend invites you to a prayer gathering for months. You put it off. The gathering place is thirty minutes from where you live. Nothing about it seems convenient. But, something about the invitation is intriguing and you remember, in the back of your mind. Maybe one day. Life has changed. You don't want the same things anymore. The past needs to stay the past and you are eager for God to keep doing a new thing. So, you take the initiative and call for the address. You decide to go to the gathering, even though you don't know anyone. Here goes nothing or maybe everything. Vincent Thrasher walks in the door. [READ MORE](#)





On September 13, Grace Klein Community hosted Love India, a benefit dinner for our global partner Madhuri's Mission. We gathered at Seeds Coffee Company in Homewood, AL, for an evening of Indian food, live music, coffee and the blending of cultures. When we planned the event, the goal was to raise money to dig a well that will provide water to a place in Andhra Pradesh where missionaries are trained. The week before Love India happened, God provided through a group of believers in Singapore to dig the well! Our focus shifted to providing better care and a place to live for a group of HIV+ children who live in and around Ongole, India. When the evening ended, God had provided almost \$2,000 for Madhuri's Mission! [READ MORE](#)



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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Monthly Food Delivery:** Our food delivery ministry is a great way to get involved in the community of Birmingham, Alabama. Our volunteers go out the first and third Saturday of every month all over Birmingham to deliver food boxes to families in need of food. [READ MORE](#)

**Give and Take Room:** Help sort donated clothing and other items in the Give and Take Room [READ MORE](#)

**Community Garden:** Help care for our community garden. [READ MORE](#)

**Craft Festivals:** Grace Klein Community will be hosting a table with a number of items from our BeMoreRandom store at various upcoming festivals over the fall months. Help promote our store and/or volunteer your time to help run a table. [READ MORE](#)

**Purchase or Sell Fruit:** Can your family purchase some fruit or help sell fruit in your neighborhood? [READ MORE](#)

**Make Laundry Detergent:** Make laundry detergent, in the comfort of your own home, for families in need. [READ MORE](#)

**Love Does:** Think up some random acts of kindness to encourage and bless others. [READ MORE](#)

**Home Cooked Meals:** Prepare frozen meals to bless families in need. [READ MORE](#)

**Family Fun Nights:** Volunteer to host attendees or to secure our next dining location. [READ MORE](#)

Pray about the area you feel God may be calling you to serve in. Email [ryan@gracekleincommunity.com](mailto:ryan@gracekleincommunity.com) for further info on how to get involved.

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THANK YOU to the 24 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



THANK YOU to the 37 individuals and families as well as the 8 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

## MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

[His Hands Photographs](#) is a family portrait photographer who also specializes in children's portraits and full-service wedding photography.

"[His Hands Photographs](#) is honored to serve alongside Grace Klein Community as they support the same values we honor, as a business and a family."

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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