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Grace Klein Community Newsletter

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Calendar



OUR PURPOSE

To 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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UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT – Camping Week, Oak Mountain State Park

Camping week will be here before you know it! [Oak Mountain State Park](#) is where it's happening! Camping week will start Friday, May 27, 2016, and end Sunday, June 5, 2016. We will book all sites close together and inform you closer to the time on which site we will share all common meals. We plan unique meals every evening, salads, dips and sandwiches for lunches and a mix of hot and cold meals for breakfast options. As a frame of reference, some meals we've shared in the past include: fishfrys, kabobs, grilled chicken, shrimp and grits, hamburgers and hotdogs, grilled veggies etc. We eat good!

In the past our activities have included: night hiking, star gazing, team workouts, canoeing, fishing, communion, worship, prayer, swimming, biking etc. You'll have a blast!

REGISTER your family now to join us for a meal, a night or multiple nights!

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Meet one of our Full Time Volunteers, Natalie Spronk ~ Ministry Advocate

"Wrecked for the ordinary. Spiritually, emotionally, physically. My heart and mind were in complete shambles the day the team departed Zambia on a flight back home. *"What's mine is yours"* they said. *Did they really mean that? "We love you."* They won't when they know the real me. Surely not? The team reflected Christ in a way unbeknown to me. Their lives portrayed Him in their actions, their words displayed His compassion for His people, and His beauty was illuminated through their hearts. WRECKED.

Wrecked by love. Wrecked by compassion. Wrecked by Jesus."

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Guess who's expecting...

A few years ago, Rusty and Dana were on opposite sides of the fence about their family. Dana had always wanted a larger family, Rusty was content with their two blessings. Specifically, he was financially content with raising their two children and could not think about the cost of adopting a third child.

Zoe, who is now ten years old, has wanted to adopt for at least five years. When she was five years old, she walked downstairs one morning and told her Daddy *"God told me to tell you that we are supposed to adopt."* He disagreed and replied: *"God would need to tell me directly."* In a few short years, He did just that... [READ MORE](#)



GLOBAL EFFORTS

Kwathu Children's Home, Zambia ~ "Djembe Drum Circle"

In the early months of 2016, God birthed a fresh idea in the heart and mind of a volunteer. An idea which seemed only possible as a daydream, yet God molded into a reality. In the late hours of a Monday night, random thoughts were being tossed about in respect of a fun, compelling, and dynamic event, in which various businesses, churches, community groups, non-profits, colleges and schools could be incorporated, with the aim of uniting individuals regardless of race, gender, age or belief system.

With Africa being so ingrained in the roots of a number of our community members, God not only birthed the idea, but grew such an excitement within the hearts of the community to host a Djembe Drum Circle in support of one of our African partner ministries, Kwathu Children's home, in Livingstone Zambia.

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Madhuri's Mission, India ~ "He Who Began A Good Work"

At Hanna Krupa Church in Bangalore, Pastor Chandra, his wife, Manjula, and their nephew, Krupa, continue to serve with dedication, and care for the people of the slum area. In their care are three girls, Kavya, Deborah and Hanna. For the past several years, we have been raising support to send Kavya and Deborah to an English medium school, and this year Hanna will begin her second year of nursing school.

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Beats and Books, South Africa – “Why do we do what we do?”

Our hearts are full when we see Malik grasping basic Arithmetic concepts and solving several problems instantly like a Math-maniac. Oh what delight when we hear the sounds of children trying out their first well-read words as a result of being introduced to phonics. It's a totally new world to a child when they begin to read. What about that feeling of humility when a child's attitude and behavior corrects and the following days he's the one confronting his friends about wrong behavior and keeping order?

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“And He said to them: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” – Mark 16:15

“And He said to them: “Go into **BETTER TOGETHER** to all creation.” – Mark 16:15

“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.

Catch the Moments

The cutest quirkiest glasses and random fun colors mixed together, creating the coolest outfits, who is this lady? Why of course, you must be asking about Diana Martin, an eclectic artist, Jesus lover and kindhearted servant. Sometimes you will see her behind a camera, representing Christ through her little up and coming business, [Spark Photography](#). She will capture the perspectives you may have missed, the laugh of a volunteer, the beauty of a meal ready to serve, or the beautiful woman lost in the joy of a hula hoop.

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Going on Thirty

Can you hear that giggle? It's Zonia Waltman, serving up Mexican food, cleaning the dishes and washing/folding/sorting bags of the [Mercedes clothing discards](#). She gives willingly, not begrudgingly. She's not "too good" to help set up or clean up, to take on behind-the-scenes work or to make time to come support almost every gathering. She's a mama to the crew, listening to jammering, sharing her yummy recipes and demonstrating by action how to work for the Lord. She's in her sixties, going on thirty.

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Be Barnabas

A few hours before we rang in the New Year, many friends shared heart level desires for how they wanted to surrender to Jesus in 2016. One attendee, Alison Elliott, shared, “*use His giftings, He has placed in my life, more for His glory.*” We all turned around to the [Koinonia](#) wall, that she had recently completed in the [community house](#), and someone said, “*looks like you are off to a good start!*” Everyone laughed and celebrated how her artistic gifts are displayed for all to enjoy and remember.

Alison created that wall as a visual representation to represent a living, breathing, and moving, deep fellowship of the Body of Christ that we call community.

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Goodsearch: Support Grace Klein Community by Searching the Internet

Every day, there are millions of people using the Internet. Most of them are using search engines like Google, Yahoo, and Bing to search for everything from their favorite restaurants to facts for their school paper to advice and opinion columns. What if we told you there was a search engine that, with the partnership of Grace Klein Community, is helping feed families in need in Birmingham, bringing shelter and protection to orphans at Kwathu Children's Home in Zambia, and showing Christ's love to communities around the world? Would you use it? If so, then [Goodsearch](#) is the website to use! [READ MORE](#)

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him." – Psalm 34:8

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED IN APRIL

A Night of "Firsts"

April 9, 2016

"Brothers and sisters in Christ gathered together for Grace Klein Community's first Agape Feast for 2016, and the first Agape Feast ever held at the newly prepared community house. What does that mean and why is it a big deal? The idea behind the Agape Feast is a fairly simple one. It's based around Acts 2: 46-47."

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Samford Serve Day

April 16, 2016

Leading up to a big day, Grace Klein Community members were scrambling around, taking care of last minute arrangements for a global fundraising event, the Djembe Drum Circle. So, what do you do when a group of 40 pharmacy students offer their time to serve, on the very day of an event? Praise Jesus...and put them to work.

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Forever Family

Meet Sweet Jesse

God is able to do more than we can imagine. He not only brought us an opportunity, he brought us to our beautiful son. Jesse Lewis Ludwig was born March 22, 2016. He is a gift from our Heavenly Father and we are so in love. God is faithful, trustworthy, amazing, and His timing is best. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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THANK YOU to the 44 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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THANK YOU to the 66 individuals and families as well as the 10 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

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"It has been a rewarding honor for me to serve on Grace Klein Community's board of Directors, seeing them work, supporting them, helping them, learning from them, praying with them, and getting my hands dirty with them, in ministering to the needs of some of Birmingham's most marginalized and forgotten people. What they do is beautiful and what they do works." – Lawrence T. King, Birmingham lawyer and senior partner at King Simmons, P.C.

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