

REACH UP REACH OUT



Dear Friends,

August 1, 2023

Last month has been absolutely full of outreach and lives impacted. We held camps, trainings, practices, meetings with one main purpose, how can we integrate our faith in Jesus Christ wherever we go. One of the best ways to reach out and make an impact is through testimonies. Each of the athletes pictured shared powerful ways how God meets them on the court and in life. God never stops working on the hearts of people if they can open up to His precious love!



Psalm 100:4 (NIV) "Enter His courts with praise!" Thank you for partnering!!



Please read this text I received this week which can show how coaching can make a lasting impact in a young persons heart. Godly encouragement is a gift from Our Heavenly Father! Please read 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17.

Hi Coach, I just wanted to thank you so very much for speaking life into Sierra about her God given gifts at practice yesterday. She has not been particularly happy about her height... especially since she is taller than almost everyone in middle school. She came out of practice standing taller and told me with a huge smile about your conversation. She felt so positive and happy about being tall! Thank you so much for building her up...I can say these things to her all day long, but hearing from someone other than mom really made an impact! Thank you, thank you!

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Everyday we reach out, we are reminded of your gracious generosity and know that God has carefully placed us together to reach out with His love. I look forward to a time to sit down personally but right now I am in the midst of so much outreach with over 80 athletes and coaches to reach out to over the months ahead. If you have a few minutes and can spare a phone call, I would be deeply grateful to share more of our next steps and of a financial goal of \$10,000 for gym rentals, travel costs, developing new materials, updating our website, and overall administrative assistance. **Would you consider a special gift of \$500, 200, or \$75 at this time?** Obviously, no pressure at all and we are deeply grateful for all your generosity. We pray God continues to offer your great encouragement in you and your family and the calling on your life!

Much love,

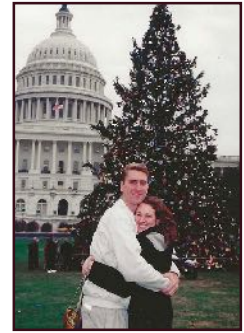
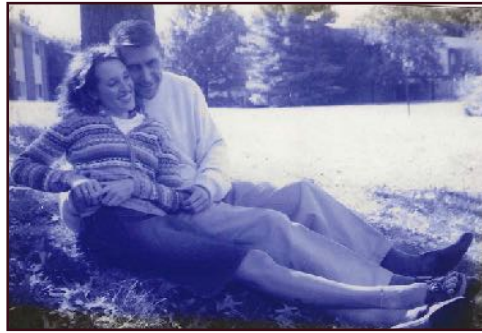
We are deeply grateful for you. Dave and Mandy

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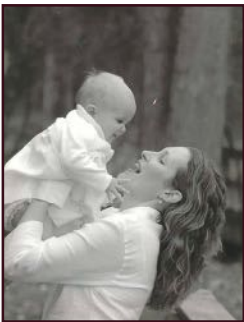
We enclosed an envelope if you are able to make a special ministry gift this month



A Mandy Celebration

On August 10, 2023, Mandy DeRocher turns 50 and I want to take a few minutes and share with you how great a blessing she is to me, our children and so many others. Also, I want to remind you of her amazing story. Mandy took a bold step of faith as a college student at UT Knoxville in 1992 and asked Jesus to be the Lord and Savior in her life. Not long after, God directed Mandy towards a mission trip to Albania where she experienced a strong calling to medical missions as a nurse. While in college at Belmont University, Mandy took another bold step and joined the Red Cross's efforts in Kabul, Afghanistan (*pictured above left*) during the rise of the Taliban. She experienced the effects of war and the dark oppression of the Taliban. Also, she got to see the transforming power of Christ in the hearts of Muslims who accepted Christ as their savior.

In 2001, Mandy and I met while serving at a youth ministry and world missions in Nashville. I remember hearing all about Mandy and somehow, by God's grace, I caught her eye. I got up the courage and asked her on a date right after a Wednesday Night youth outreach. I still can remember the excitement of our first date and didn't want it to end. A few months later, I bought a ring and it was one of the greatest days of my life when she accepted my proposal (*above 2nd from left*). I keep that picture on my desk today to remind me God is so good. The next picture is one that people still remind me of today...our **first kiss** at the altar. People think I am making it up but seriously, we waited to kiss on the altar. Call me old fashioned but it was so worth the wait. We haven't stopped kissing since, though our kids get a little uncomfortable (haha).



We moved up to DC to help serve with youth and college students. Our house was always full and it was such a great time in our marriage to start our ministry together. Those early years defined us and we were surrounded by wonderful examples to help our marriage be strong from the beginning. It needed to be strong because we quickly became parents. Mandy glowed when she was pregnant and continues to glow today as a mother who constantly goes the extra mile for all of us. I can't begin to tell you all the work she selflessly puts in to make our family strong and unified. Not a day goes by that I don't thank God for Mandy.

As we continue to grow in our marriage and life, **I just need to make sure you know how all the outreach I do around the world would not happen if Mandy were not at my side.** There are so many days, I feel overwhelmed but as we continue to pray for one another, we experience the grace and power of Jesus Christ together. I have so much more to share but I just wanted to let you know how important Mandy is to me personally, our family and our outreach. May God continue to move us all forward in faith.



P.S. I enclosed an envelope if you would like to write a little note of encouragement to Mandy. SHHHH! She does not know that I put this page in our newsletter and thank you for joining in our love for Mandy!