



REACH UP REACH OUT



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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! As the 2021 year came to a close, we have so many wonderful stories and opportunities the Lord gave this year. Thanks to you, Uptime Outreach has served the gospel in Nashville, across the U.S. and around the world. Though our one on one meetings, small group discipleship, coaching athletic teams, scheduled FaceTime calls, texts, social media posts, dinners, lunches, coffee talks, church meetings and every means possible, our goal is to do everything we can to teach people how to reach up to God and reach out to others. We can't do it without your partnership and continued faithfulness.



On December 7, 2021 our oldest son shipped out for Navy bootcamp and will do BUDS training in Coronado, CA. I would like to ask you to please keep him in prayer as he begins some of the toughest training he has ever faced. At church, prayed Joshua 1:9 *“Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”* May God grant our son and those he serves with great strength and courage.”



Grateful to help new marriages begin and built on the love of God. Jesus said, *“Whatever God brings together, let nothing separate!”* (Mark 10:9)

This last weekend I was asked to officiate a wedding for Donnie and Amanda Edmonds. I have been friends with Amanda's family for years because her whole family were very involved with volleyball and Amanda was talented enough to play at Lipscomb University. As we sat down for pre-marital counseling and going over wedding vows, I expressed the importance of building their relationship on Christ. Thankfully, both of them want to have a Christ-centered relationship. One area that came up in our time was their personal faith in Christ. I asked the groom, Donnie, whether he had a relationship with Jesus Christ and he said he believed in God but never really made a personal commitment. Donnie's life was not the easiest as he grew up in Brooklyn, NY with a single mother and his father incarcerated all his life. He overcame many obstacles and honorably served as a medic in the Army in Iraq. Thankfully, he now desires to build his life and marriage on Christ and plans to get baptized soon to declare his commitment publicly. Keep the Edmonds in prayer as they begin their journey together!



Please turn over for more exciting news. 

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Here's a great story of how God can move powerfully on the hearts of young people and their families. One mother asked me if I might help her daughter with volleyball. I mentioned to her the best way to help would be to form a new team where we could invite other players and focus on building a love for God and for teammates through the game of volleyball.



A new Uptime team & a new opportunity to reach out with God's love.

The challenges we prayed to God about were: get 10 players interested, find the right coaches who would challenge the players, and get a gym where we could have consistent gym space. In answered prayer, as you see below, we attracted 15 players, 3 new coaches, and a gym that we can use for the next four months. Recently, the new team gathered and everyone was so grateful, some openly praising God for how quickly everything came together. As we know, with God, nothing is impossible (Luke 1:37). God loves to give good gifts to His people e.g. a new volleyball team.

I am really fired UP to begin new life coaching, discipleship meetings with college students here in Nashville. Yesterday, I challenged a young man to a three month discipleship commitment where the goal is to help this young man grow spiritually, emotionally and physically. His words to me, "I've been praying for opportunity for a long time." Another young man is a student at Morehouse University, who is a student athlete and plays for their new varsity volleyball team asks for some volleyball tips as he learns this new game. The nice part about this is that it opens new doors to discuss more important issues like faith in Jesus Christ and discipleship.

As we begin this new year, we continue to reach out because of your partnership in the gospel. You are a great difference maker in the world and we celebrate the powerful work of the gospel with you.



Joe Nugent, college student at NOSSI College of Art



TJ Payne, Morehouse University Freshman Volleyball Player

Praying for you in 2022! Building together,
Dave and Mandy



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