

CAROLINA CONNECTION

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Prayer Requests

Pray for students making summer plans to go on summer project. We are praying for 70 students to go on summer project!

Pray for our Bible study leaders to finish this year well, that they would use the next 6 weeks to trust God for significant life change.

Pray for seniors to grab onto this vision for work in their life. Pray that as they leave UNC they will affect the culture in significant ways.

Pray for our marriage— that Christ would always be the center. And for our walks with Him to be deep and growing.

Pray for our team. We are so blessed to have great friendships with people we work with here at UNC. Pray for health and love and unity on our team.

Thank you for being part of our ministry! We can never say it enough. We are able to do what we do because of your commitment to us!

A Heart for the World

One of the ways we love to see God grow students is in their heart for the world. Here is Scott, a senior, who Josh has been disciplining for 3 years. Scott went to Sweden with us last summer, and he wants to go back!



Over the past semester I have been thinking a lot about what it means to follow Christ, especially as I prepare to graduate from UNC. I believe that God has called us all to be people that reach out and care for those around us. I believe that can be done many ways. My roommates have chosen to do that by pursuing jobs in the business world.

I have been considering moving overseas to share the gospel with people in Sweden. After spending 6 weeks in Sweden I realized how great the need is in Europe for Christians willing to step out in faith and share the gospel. Hearing Swedes tell me that I am the first true Christian they have met tells me a lot about the current state of Sweden spirituality. I feel that God is calling me back to live in Sweden long term. When I think of Sweden I think of Matthew 9:36 which says, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." I think of Swedes in the same way. I hope and pray that they would find a hope and a purpose in Christ. I pray also that I would have the privilege to be a part of bringing that message.

Why do We Work?

Is it just to make money? Is it merely a necessity of life that we just have to push through? What is God's purpose for work anyway? These are some of the questions we've been attempting to tackle this year within the Bible studies and weekly meetings of our ministry. One of our biggest values as a ministry is that we would "send" students well. By that we mean that we desire every student to leave college being "sent out" to live their faith in whatever calling God has for them.

This year my (Erin's) Bible study spent some time looking at the Biblical perspective of work. In Genesis, work existed before the Fall, meaning God created it as necessary, significant and good. Although God did the creating, he let Adam and Eve share in his creative work by organizing and naming the animals in the garden. Our work, regardless of what it is, is a way to glorify God by doing it excellently and for his honor. As pastor Tim Keller says, "We see that all work from science to farming to teaching to art to sewing...to hairdressing — anything that takes 'unformed' nature or human nature and draws out its potential and brings shape to it — is an extension of the very work of God!" Join us in praying that seniors would leave UNC with this type of perspective of their work!