

News from New Orleans



Hello From New Orleans! As you may have heard, our little Aria Jane was born on April 8th, and now 5 months later and 10 pounds heavier, she is a little bundle of rolls and joy! I've been learning how to do the work of the ministry with two kiddos, and the Lord is indeed stretching me in this season :) Here is an update on missionary life for Justus and I in New Orleans!



The year 2017 has been an active hurricane season, and New Orleans has fortunately been out of the path; however, our neighbors to the west and east have been enduring heavy storms. After Hurricane Harvey, Justus and his dad took a team of our Compassion Corps interns to deliver supplies to a local church in Houston and to help mud and gut flooded homes around their community. **We were able to help a military family whose dad was temporarily released from his service in Kuwait to come home and take care of his family and home directly after the floods.** Another woman mentioned that when our team came to her home, God became "real" to her. **Praise God for opportunities to show His faithfulness, His love, and His provision! I have been working with the relief team leader at the Houston church,**

sending instructions and tips on how to safely and efficiently lead volunteer teams to mud and gut homes. I've been grateful to use my experience from Hurricane Katrina and the South Louisiana Floods to help this church in Houston move toward restoration in their community.



Over the summer, we were able to put on two large outreaches in New Orleans. One of them was our Annual Back to School Bash. **We handed out backpacks with school supplies to over 300 kids, and more importantly, we were able to share about the hope found in Jesus with 400+ people!**



New Orleans is such a great training ground for missions and ministry! **The fall semester has officially begun for our Compassions Corps International internship. New interns have joined us to be trained in hands-on ministry as well as to attend Bridges Christian College.** Justus mentors these students every week and also is one of their professors for their Bible college classes. **As we continue to do the Lord's work here in New Orleans, we remember you and are thankful for your prayers and financial support. We know that the Lord uses each of you to make it possible for us to be full-time missionaries in New Orleans. Please pray for us as we work to raise our missions budget, and we ask that you consider partnering with us once again as we reach New Orleans with the light of Jesus!**

Last year, I felt the Lord prompting me to start meeting with a single mom who had been coming to our church off and on. We started meeting weekly to read through the book of John, one chapter a week. **She had never read the Bible before, but once she started, she was so excited that she started reading ahead every week!** I encouraged her to begin memorizing scripture so that she could begin speaking God's truth over her life. She began regularly attending church to set a good example for her sons. **It is incredible to see how her growing relationship with Jesus has begun to change her outlook on life!** When we first started meeting, she was looking for a job, and she stopped worrying and started praying and trusting in the Lord. Within a couple months of diligently applying and following up, the Lord blessed her with a good job, cleaning in a university library. She was so excited that the Lord had answered her prayer! God always provides for His children!

