

News from New Orleans

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.
—Hebrews 10:23



Hello from New Orleans! God is doing lots of new things in 2017! **Justus and I are expecting another baby girl—Aria Jane will be here by April!** Emmarie is excited to be a big sister very soon :) All the ministry that happens in the spring is keeping me busy and active as the due date draws near!



The spring always brings new waves of ministry teams from around the United States that come to experience U.S. Missions as they help us serve and share the love of Jesus with people in our city and surrounding area! I have been coordinating the teams before they arrive, and Justus, with the help of his Compassion Corps interns, has been leading them out to do ministry throughout New Orleans. They do street evangelism, homeless ministry, jail ministry, and put on large outreaches at parks where we have the opportunity to share the love of Christ with many all at once! We had 500-600

people come to our Urban Vibe at a local park a couple weeks ago! To the left is a picture of two of our interns leading a family in prayer at a Mardi Gras parade, and to the right is a pic taken while I was ministering to a woman at our Urban Vibe outreach—so many opportunities to bring the hope of Jesus to a hurting world!



I have also been coordinating ongoing flood relief work in Baton Rouge as many people are now in the reconstruction stage after the floods from August 2016, installing insulation and hanging drywall. We've been so blessed to send out teams during this Mardi Gras and spring break time. On the day before Mardi Gras, I was able to send out 150 volunteers all in one day to work at 11 homes and a church! There was a huge amount of planning for this day, and I was so blessed at the end of it to hear from homeowners that the help was a true God-send for them!

I want to thank you for your continued support of Justus and I's ministry here in New Orleans—we are so grateful for every new donor as we now work to raise our full missions budget for the year. We ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a monthly partner in the great work that the Lord is doing here in New Orleans! We know that the Lord will abundantly bless you for your step of faith!

Here is a testimony of how God transforms a life when we decide to give it completely to Him! Justus met Max through one of our CCI interns 3 years ago. Max had been working at a local grocery store, moving through life without purpose as well as dealing with a drug problem. The Lord revealed to Justus that Max had a special calling upon his life, and so Justus began meeting with him, believing God for a miracle! After 6 months, Max decided to answer the call of God and enter our CCI internship as well as begin Bible College! He put down his last cigarette the day before entry, and 3 years later, he has been clean, is about to graduate with his Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies and after a year of transition, Justus has made Max our new ICE Youth pastor! Max is a joy to us with his kind servant heart, and the Lord has given him a passion to reach and ignite cultural evolution in the youth of New Orleans. For nothing is impossible for God!

