

THE HEGSTROM COASTAL CONNECTION

September 2009

Dear Friends and Family,

As most of you know with the help of many friends, we loaded our moving truck on June 2nd, closed from the sale of our home in Eureka on June 3rd and later that day, we headed out of town and arrived in Gulfport, Mississippi on June 4th. It is so amazing to us that we have already been in Gulfport for three months! Our summer transition was trying at times. After only four days in Mississippi we were in a wreck that totaled our Suburban, but God provided another vehicle for us. Within two weeks of each other, both of us lost a grandparent. They will be greatly missed but we know we will see them again in heaven. For the past three months we have been living in a furnished two-bedroom trailer that was made available to us. We are so grateful for God's provision, but we are also very much ready to unpack our own belongings in our own home. The great news is we have finally found a house in the Gulfport area and hope to move in our new home around the middle of October. We will be ready for friends and guests immediately, so start making plans to come visit us! We miss y'all!

Blake spent the summer back in Eureka working at Heinold Heating & Cooling while finishing his summer school classes at I.C.C. He graduated at the end of July and is now a junior at William Carey University, about one hour north of us in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. God has given Blake great favor at WCU and continually confirms His calling in Blake's life. We are so proud of him.



Grant and Pete have been amazing during our transition with great attitudes and pioneering spirits. They started school on August 6th and neither of them were too excited to begin that early, but they have adjusted well. Grant joined Cross Country and has been working really hard. At his first meet, Grant came in 21 out of about 120 runners. That rocks! Pete signed up for soccer and will begin playing on the team near the end of September. ***Please be in prayer for the boys specifically concerning the quality of education and finding close friends.*** At times they miss their school and friends in Eureka.



We have jumped right in to our new roles with Relevant Ministry. Our first intern (Zach McCabe) began serving at Gulfhaven Mennonite Church in early June as a Worship Leader and Director of Young Adult Ministries. We have seen tremendous growth in Zach's life, especially in the area of leadership. Throughout the summer, Jeff has had the opportunity to spend 1-2 days a week mentoring, training, planning and studying God's Word together with Zach. We are looking forward to seeing God do great things through his life and ministry at Gulfhaven.

Jeff has also had the privilege to meet regularly to encourage and minister to the pastor of Gulfhaven. His story is so common among pastors and church leaders along the Gulf Coast. It is so evident to see that God has placed us here "for such a time as this." Several weeks ago, we visited a church that was awaiting the arrival of a new pastor. One of the members/leaders of the church said to Jeff, "You don't know how done we are here. Your ministry and what it wants to provide hits the nail on the head! You will be hearing from us." We met another pastor at a class we were attending for receiving grants for housing assistance. When

Jeff introduced himself and shared why we had moved to the Gulf Coast, the pastor said, "I've been praying and asking God for something like this. I need interns right now." Wow! God is going to do some amazing things!

We are now in the beginning processes of building relationships with churches and pastors along the Gulf Coast. Later this fall, we will be sending out a strategic mailing and connecting with Christian Colleges / Universities across the United States to share the vision of Relevant Ministry and the opportunity for internship. ***Please pray for us as we reach out to Katrina-fatigued pastors, churches and their leadership. Also pray for God to open the doors for dynamic interns who are called to serve and make a difference on the Gulf Coast.***



We are so grateful to have every one of you in our lives. You have given us an abundant outpouring of love and support during this ministry transition. If you have signed on as one of our prayer and/or financial partners, we want to know how thankful we are for you. We pray for you daily. Like us, you also have stepped out in faith and obedience to answer God's calling to join our TEAM. Thank You! Your partnership and faithful support is making it possible to serve churches and train future leaders along the Gulf Coast. If you have not yet made a decision to support and partner with us, whether in prayer or finances, would you take the next

seven days and commit to praying for us and our ministry on the Gulf Coast with Relevant Ministry?

We have currently raised about 60% of our financial support. Our official missionary support began on September 1st and we need to reach the 100% mark or ministry and family needs will not be met. This is not a pressure plea, we just need the support of our friends and family who not only believe in us, but believe in the call that God has placed on our lives. (2 Corinthians 8:3-7)

Please stay in contact with us. At times we feel like we are alone in a foreign land and hearing from you would bring constant encouragement and connection. You can find us on Facebook or through e-mail. You can also check out our blog at <http://relevantministryhcc.blogspot.com>. We would love to hear from you. Remember, we are always open to company. We have a guest room ready and waiting just for you, so just let us know the date. God bless you and your family!

Love In Christ Jesus,
Jeff & Angie, Blake, Grant & Pete

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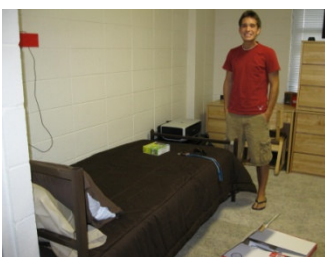
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Eating dinner in Louisiana w/ the Stewart Family from Eureka, IL. Thanks for serving and touching lives on the Gulf Coast



Emily Gerber from Eureka spent a whole week with us on the Gulf Coast



Moving into Blake's WCU dorm room in Hattiesburg, MS



Jeff, Blake, Grant & Zach McCabe leading worship at Family Camp.