

## Niemons Independent Church

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## Christmas 2023 Prayer Update

Have you ever tried to swim the length of the pool underwater, or if you are really good, go down and back? By the end, you come up with a big gasp of air. That is what the Fall felt like. The week after Thanksgiving, I came up for air after 3 months, had 16 events, connected with churches, and had many interviews with potential missionaries. It was good, and I saw God open up so many opportunities to challenge students and help them connect to what God is doing around the world.

We are trusting the Lord to raise up future missionaries to engage their professions and passions to see the church established among the least reached. Thank you for continuing to partner with us. He is worthy of it!

## **You prayed for this intern. Here's how God worked!**

From Hannah: Discipleship for a year helping grow the church!

One student I've had the pleasure of working with is a young high school girl in our church community, Rebecca. Hardly two weeks into my time here, I had the opportunity to meet with her and hear a bit of her story. She became a committed believer less than a year before my arrival and even got baptized, but her time in the Word was limited. She told me the Bible was boring to her, and she often didn't understand what she was reading - so I asked her right then if she'd be interested in meeting with me weekly to read the Bible together. She agreed, and we started that next Saturday and have been meeting regularly ever since. About three months ago, she asked if we could meet multiple times a week so that her time in the Word would be more frequent, so our time together increased to two to three times each week.

Eventually, I began creating reading plans for her to follow each day with questions that we could discuss when she came over. Just two weeks ago, she told me that she read the entire gospel of John on her own initiative and absolutely loved it. When we met yesterday, she told me she'd never had someone take such interest in her spiritual life until we started reading Scripture together. Her faith has grown exponentially, and I attribute that fully to the power of the Word of God, for it is indeed living and active, and it never returns to the Lord void. I thank God often for allowing me to be a part of her story in this way.

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## **Prayer Requests**

- Please pray for Michelle, who is having surgery on Wednesday, December 13 (tomorrow!) She will be recovering for a couple of weeks and unable to lift much for 6 weeks or so.

- Please pray for Joel's family as we continue to go through the year missing his sister, who passed away this summer. Please pray for her husband and kids as they navigate the emotions of firsts without their wife and mother around.
- Also, pray for Joel's parents as we work to move them down to the Lancaster area this next year. It will be a big change for all involved, so please pray for clear guidance and peace.

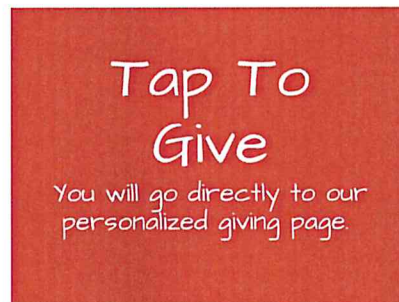
***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***

**So thankful for your partnership,  
Joel and Michelle Jenney**



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