

D.E.V.O. Ministry

November Newsletter

Deana and Victor Slaughter

Thank You!

We have been so blessed this month by your gifts. They have helped in so many ways. I want to thank those who helped us get our car fixed. It is back on the road and running like a charm. Your other gifts have helped keep food in our bellies and be able to make some necessary purchases. Purchases that I will go into more detail in the UPDATES portion of the newsletter. Please continue to pray for us and more than that we pray that by reading this not only are you updated by what God is doing in our lives but it will encourage you to share what God is doing in your life. If you are not currently serving God in the role that He has called you to personally then we pray that this newsletter will inspire you to walk into a life of loving obedience that God has prepared for you.

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Updates



Yup, that's right. Our family just grew in size!!! We are so stoked for the gift that God has given us. Deana is 14 weeks pregnant as of Dec. 15th. Baby's due date is June 11th. This has been a very exciting time for us but also a very difficult time. Deana has been struggling hard with morning sickness, fatigue, and overall has been stuck to the bed. I will say though the last couple of weeks have been way better. She has managed to get out of the house and is maintaining good eating. We found a really nice recliner during black friday in preparation for nursing. In the meantime it has provided some excellent relaxation. Additionally, as Deana's appetite has returned so has her desires to go out to eat. Fortunately, it's not a trip to fine dining every night but we have thoroughly enjoyed Panera Bread, Wendy's, and Bojangles. Y'all gotta try these salads!

Anyhow, enough about all of that... We're going to be parents! Well truly I consider us already parents. If we were not already taking on the role of parents we would not be doing the amount of praying, researching, and preparing that we are doing. Thank you God and thank you all for what I imagine will be an influx in prayers and praises to our great God.

We have also created a baby registry if any of you wanted to check that out! For our baby registry go to Amazon.com click on Baby Registry and search Deana or Victor in Fairmont NC. Also, I have provided a link below.

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/deanaandvictor-slaughter-june-2021-fairmont/YZFDYKI9IKKW>

Food Box Ministry

The Baptists on Mission were approved for another month of food boxes. It's on a new day so I had to work on finding a new team that is available for the new time. Leading up to the first day to pick up food there were a couple of things that fought to cause me to worry. Number 1: we only had 2 teams where we needed 3 and Number 2: I had to be somewhere at noon. The thought was we would have to cram 20 boxes into two cars and then rush to pass them out so I could get to what I had to do. Each time the thoughts tried to surface I reminded myself of all that I learned last month and that is that God is in control and my worrying does not benefit me or change the situation at all. When we got to the sight I realized that worrying of not having enough people or enough time would have been completely silly. The food had not arrived so the distribution was postponed until the next day. It didn't matter if I had one person or twenty people there was no food to distribute. It didn't matter if I had 30 minutes or all day long there was no work to be done. Now while I do understand this is not all about me and plenty of other people were affected by this situation I was still able to take from this experience the application of not worrying and trusting God with the situation regardless of the outcome.

Also, I want to back up and mention earlier that week Maude took me over to the Fairmont Church Food Pantry. She equipped me with a couple of boxes of food to add to our distribution. So when we pulled up and there were no boxes at the site I praised God for instructing Maude to equip us with our two boxes from the Food Pantry. Each car took one box and went out. It was our 5 loaves and 2 fish and God used it. One of the guys was greatly touched by his experience giving out the one box to a family that reminded him of his childhood. This interaction allowed him to share his entire testimony and sow hope into their lives and their situation. The guy that shared his testimony was humbled and reminded of how much God has rescued him from.

2 Souls no longer lost

During November Pearce and I had the amazing opportunity to meet an elderly couple Virginia and Leon while we were passing out boxes. Virginia told me they had never

been saved. As we talked I learned she knew all the basics of Christ. That He came to die for us and that he rose from the grave. She believed all that too. But the disconnect came where she thought that in order to be saved not only did you have to believe in Jesus as our Savior but you also needed to be perfect. We explained to her that when you make Jesus your King you will make a conscious and devoted decision to repent and obey His commands but you will never be perfect. I compared it to their relationship with their children. She admitted her children were never perfect yet she never abandoned them. They understood that it is the same with God. He loves us and wants to adopt us if we will accept His offer and will not abandon us. They both decided at that moment that they wanted to be saved and accepted Jesus as their saviour.

We have since then checked in on them a couple of times and were able to provide them with a Bible. Today (December 15th, I know I'm late writing this newsletter) we will visit them again and see how they are doing. I want to ask them what they have been reading and what they have been learning. I also want to know if their believing neighbors have been checking in on them. They are not plugged into a church due to CoVid.

Evangelism

November God really went with me and gave me the courage and the words to speak in our community. I was able to speak with a few people about Jesus and loved every single conversation. One was with a young man who was extremely open with me about his life. He believes in God and Jesus but is not saved. He would like to be saved but he also does not want to give up his sinful lifestyle. I am happy that he understands that will be a necessary step. I gave him some encouragement and a really great book to read. I've gone in and checked on him a few times and our conversations stay just as lively as the first. He continues to speak to God daily about this whole ordeal. Join me as I pray that as he has heard the Word of God plainly that he will respond in joyous surrender never looking back to the things that currently hold him captive.

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