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One of the definitions of family is a group of people who are not necessarily blood relations but who share common attitudes, interests, or goals. This year, we were not just a team; we were a family. It may seem odd that after only 9 months I would say that, but the events of this year have bonded us together in ways that words can't describe. The girls on the team gave our Assistant Director, Christine O'Connor, a picture frame at our closing banquet. On it they wrote, "First acquaintances. Then friends. Now...and forever...family." Our year could not be described more perfectly than those few words.

We have laughed, cried, traveled, prayed, ministered, and worked side by side these last 9 months. We have dealt with the death of parents, grandparents, family, and friends. We have rejoiced with each other as God has moved, changed, and transformed our lives. Most importantly, we have worshipped God side by side, and been used by Him to do incredible things for His kingdom. This newsletter is not so much a year in review, as it is our testimony of what God has done in our lives this year.

Thank you for your love, prayers, and support this year!

In His Service,
Pastor Mike



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In the last 9 months, God has shown me what my true identity is. Not an identity that other people told me, not an identity I told myself, but the identity He gave me. He gave me such a confidence that I didn't know I could have. I do not have to pretend to be someone I'm not anymore...I know who I am in Him.
Brittany Mooney

Before coming to MC, I was involved in my youth group and church but I was living in this little box. I was living a defeated, pushed down, and held back life. God showed me that I didn't have to live like that. He told me He saved me for more than that. He had called me to a purpose and a plan. He showed me the authority that I have and that I don't have to be intimidated anymore.
Nic Knapp



The thing that God has worked in me the most this year is my fear of failure and my feelings of not being good enough. I don't have to be afraid of my future or that God won't use me. I am no longer afraid. Instead, I am now confident in God and the strength He has given me.
Cassandra Strycharz

This year there has been an incredible change in me. I was made fun of a lot in school, so I isolated myself from everyone. I was around people, but my heart was far from them. The truth is, I forgot how to have a relationship with someone. I distanced myself from people and from God. My heart's cry coming into Master's was that God would break me and transform me. One day, in worship and devotion, God said, "I am going to break this in you." and He did... that day He broke it. And it has continued past that day. He has shown me how to love, how to have a relationship with people, and with God.
Nick Cirino



I came into MC and realized that I had based my relationship with God on feelings. The feeling I got in worship or when I raised my hands. God brought me into a desert place this year. It was hard because I had to keep pressing in more and more, even when I didn't feel God or feel like I wanted to. God is still working on me, but I am now in a place where I no longer base my relationship with Him on feelings.
Sherryann MacPherson

God taught me so much these 9 months. Every moment He was either teaching me something about leadership, servanthood, or my strengths and weaknesses. No matter what I was doing, I was learning and in everything He taught me, He was refining me.
Josh Glock



14,111 miles traveled
72 locations visited
14,442 people ministered to
11 states visited
1,442 gallons of gas

Wow! What a year! God has opened countless doors and used us to do amazing things for His kingdom! We ministered at 72 churches, conferences, and other ministries. We traveled over 14,000 miles spanning 11 states. Our students were also involved heavily in academics through Chesapeake Bible College and Seminary. First year students studied Old and New Testament, Cults and Religions, the Life of Jesus, and several other subjects. Second year students studied the Blood Covenant, Denominations, Spiritual Gifts, and several others. First year students completed 36 college credits and graduated with a Certificate in Ministry. Rob Cochran, Ben Dieterly, Mike Luis, and Josh Mericle graduated with their Associates Degree in Biblical Studies. Melynda Haynes graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies. In the Fall, we were involved in different outreaches. On a weekly basis, the MC students worked with inner city kids at Urban Promise, at a local youth center called 'Light House', and at Emmanuel Dining Room, a soup kitchen. In October and in February, we helped with Project R.A.K.E., a free home repair ministry for low income families and senior citizens in our surrounding community. This past Spring, we traveled extensively doing youth rallies, conferences, and ministering to thousands of students. In April, we spent 10 days in Guatemala working with a local missionary. The days were spent ministering at local public schools where we did stomp, dramas, and were able to interact with the students one-on-one. In the evenings, we did services at local churches. God opened countless doors for us this year and used us to further His kingdom in ways we could never imagine.



What a blessed evening we had when you visited us. Thanks so much for sharing your ministry. One teenage girl told her father that the evening service was the greatest thing that ever happened in her life.
- Bob Logon, Moore's Chapel



What a blessing! Your presence, your prayers, your work, your lives lived for God have blessed all of us who were present. Your prayers for boldness have encouraged us to continue in our ministry to youth in this area and to dream BIG.
- Pastor Loughlin, Epworth Church



I have found that powerful messages, great dramas, etc are very effective by themselves, but when you combine that with people who are willing to get into the lives of teenagers and meet them where they are, the result is incredible. Your team did exactly that, they combined powerful tools of drama and testimony with relationships.
- Pastor Josh Hartman, Hamburg First AG



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Pray!

The most powerful way you can support GZMC is through prayer. Everything we do has one purpose: to bring glory to God. We want to bathe every detail, start to finish, in prayer.

Financially.

Master's is supported through the tuition of our students, as well as, love offerings, and financial gifts from our supporters. It is through these generous gifts and donations that we are able to continue to reach people with the message of Christ.

Sponsorship.

Many times the reason a student doesn't apply to a Master's program is because they fear they will be unable to raise the tuition. We never want money to keep a student from coming! Supporters can sponsor a student's tuition (\$500-\$4,900), mission trip (\$750), or youth rally tour (\$250).

Be a Home Opener.

If you live in the New London/Kirkwood area, another way you can help is by opening up your home to a student for 9 months. Many of our students come from all over the country, and their home opener is the only family they have while they are here. Many home openers have said that the MC experience is just as rewarding for them as it is for the student.

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