



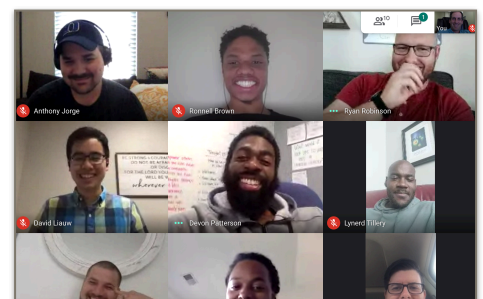
"It is in the freshly toiled soil of crisis where the Gospel is best received and quickly grows."

Dear Partner

Ministering through quarantine:

My summer does not look how I imagined it. I'm pretty sure you could say the same. Usually, the ENC staff in North America join together for fellowship and training every summer. Unfortunately we will not be gathering this summer. On the other hand, the Covid situation has not negated, but rather intensified, our need to connect as campus ministry staff and be trained to lead on the campus in these tumultuous times. So instead of gathering together for a few days over the summer, our regional director team in North America decided to hold online monthly trainings. Our EN Staff have gathered for two calls already. These calls have already proved extremely timely considering the dual crisis we are navigating this summer.

This crisis did not just inhibit our ability to gather, but **it also gave us an opportunity.** Many of our student leaders who had planned on jobs and internships over the summer have found themselves with more time on their hands. In light of this situation, Every Nation has created a month long "summer project" with student leaders in mind. Student leaders from all over the country will be able to join for prayer, small group discussions, and leadership trainings. Our prayer is that this unique opportunity will help unify and equip our student leaders across the nation to lead through this current crisis.



Blake hosting a regional call planning for this year's Fall Retreat

Ministering in racial unrest:

The quote at the top of this page was included in my last newsletter. It seems even more relevant now than it did then. My prayer is for wisdom and courage to navigate these intense and uncertain times. I pray we don't miss what God is doing in this moment because of all the noise. I'm praying for you as well to get God's heart and hear his Spirit during this time. We need Him now more than ever. (see other side)

For such a time as this

The good news, and our hope, is that Jesus has given us everything we need in the Gospel to walk out racial reconciliation. Ephesians 2:14-17 tells us that in Jesus' crucified body, the wall of hostility between Jew and Gentile, and therefore all races, has been torn down. Justice was served when God poured out his wrath on His one and only Son. We see in the Gospel the importance of justice, truth, and mercy.

As a campus ministry and a church, God has wired us and called us to walk out and lead in racial reconciliation. **Only in the Gospel** can "enemies" walk together as covenant brothers and sisters. Jesus calls us *all* sinners, and tells us that we *all* need forgiveness. Jesus levels the field. No one gets an advantage in their relating to God because of the color of their skin, their culture, or their history. We are all only allowed access because of the spilt blood of Christ.

Even with these convictions and a diverse community, after the death of George Floyd, our relational cords were tested. The New Testament tells us that storms reveal foundations (Luke 6) and fires reveal our work (1 Cor. 3). I am so grateful to Jesus and the amazing leaders around us that we have been able to respond in this moment with hope and movement forward for the Glory of God. Our church and campus ministry led a Worship and Prayer walk on the steps of the Pitt County Court House. The wind literally blew through our time the entire night. It was a little bit surreal. The reconciled Church took another step forward in walking out the Gospel, as the light of Jesus shown forth in our city in these dark times. I believe tougher times may be coming. Please continue to pray for our church, city and nation for revival and Gospel renewal to precede reformation. External change, though important, without rebirth and heart change will only be short-lived. We need God to move like never before!!!



Prayer and Reflection walk around court house



Blake leading in corporate repentance



Worshipping Jesus and praying for racial reconciliation