



Ready!

Praying for AVC ministries

“Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them.” (Ezekiel 38:7)

April 2004

Connect

Every Sunday, 9:30am & 5:30pm –
Pre-service prayer (Wedge Room)

Every Tuesday, 7:00am – Father’s
Heart men’s prayer (Café)

Every Thursday, 9:00pm – Frank &
Sandra’s weekly prayer (Duluth)

Sunday nights (once a month),
7:00pm – Mary Hower’s prayer for
Central Asia with Adam & Mary
Hoyt (Norcross); call for next
date—770-265-1597

Thu, May 6th, 9:00am–5:00pm –
National Day of Prayer
(Auditorium)

Fri, May 7th, 7:30pm – Unveiled
(Auditorium)

Wed, May 12th, 7:00pm– Patrick &
Angel’s prayer evangelism (Wedge
Room)

Fri, May 21st, 7:30pm – Unveiled
(Auditorium)

Careful placement

“We see that God has carefully
placed each part of the body right
where he wanted it.” 1 Corinthians
12:18 (The Message)

Website

Visit us on the web at
www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer

Give Him Praise!

Praise God for each ministry of the AVC. Here are some recent praise reports:

- Mary Hoyt (Local Outreach)—another small group has committed to volunteer monthly at the Norcross Co-op; we have an ongoing baby items collection at MOPS for the Norcross Co-op; we’ve been able to pray with and share hope with several Co-op clients
- Luane Thomson (Missions)—God is pulling together a team to oversee the adoption and reception of our Central Asia Family. Thank you to those who have prayed and those who have responded! Also, I now have Chrissey Bahnsen, a VLI student, and Jennifer Harwell serving in the mission dept so my admin needs are now covered.
- Rachel Brown (Just Say Hey international student ministry)—Our picnic (March 20th) with students was a blast! They had fun and even told the international student advisor at Georgia Tech about it! God has given us unbelievable favor with Georgia Perimeter College through the international student advisor, Veronique. Please pray for our relationship with her to continue to grow. The GA tech student advisor is even advertising for us.

Let’s delight to share our lives with them

by Rachel Brown (Just Say Hey!
leader, rach_brown77@yahoo.com)

“Tears fall down, Karen...Many tears fall down...” Karen’s heart broke for her student, as the all too familiar story of loneliness poured out in broken English. Lin (not her real name), an international student from Korea, had come to the United States to study English at Georgia Tech. Like most international students in the US, she had no American friends. And chances were, she would never be invited into an American home before returning to her home country. Eighty percent of international students aren’t.

So what? Why should we care about an international student having friends? Because God does. A LOT. Throughout the Old Testament, God’s tender heart for foreigners and aliens shines through. God instructed His people not to gather all of the harvest, but to leave some of their own crops for the foreigners and aliens among them (Lev. 19:9-10). In Exodus 22:21, God said, “Do not mistreat an alien, for you were aliens in Egypt.” Continuing the alien-foreigner analogy into the New Testament, Paul reminds us that we were all spiritual foreigners at one time. “Once you were alienated from Christ, but now He has reconciled you” (Col. 1:21-22).

Not only does God deeply care for the foreigners among us, but a HUGE opportunity exists in reaching them. The students that come to the United States for education are future leaders of their countries. Most of these students are only here for a short time, and then they return to their home country. The potential for the spread of the Gospel to unreached and inaccessible nations is mind-boggling.

“Just Say Hey!”, the international student ministry of our church, was formed in response to this need. 1 Thessalonians 2:8 expresses our heart and goal for this ministry: “We LOVED you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God, BUT OUR LIVES AS WELL, BECAUSE YOU HAD BECOME SO DEAR TO US.” We pray that as we become friends with the students, they will become dear to us, and we will become dear to them. Through our friendships, we seek to share the love of Christ that has changed us from spiritual foreigners to children of God!

How do we do this? On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, we host events for the students . . . things like parties at team-members’ homes, hiking, karaoke, Centennial Park, etc. PLEASE PRAY FOR US AS WE BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, AND COME WITH US TO AN EVENT. This ministry is not just for singles . . . Students often say they miss being around families, especially since our American culture is so individualistic. SO CONSIDER JOINING US for some fun--and JUST SAY HEY to an international student!

Administration

- Grace & provision for new administrator; transition period
- Covering, grace & peace in the midst of staff administrative reorganization

Elijah House

- graduation on May 15th
- please pray for enthusiasm & determination to complete the work & learn the principles
- pray for Jane as she guides the students

Just Say Hey!

- Please pray for more Americans to join us in reaching out to & loving intr'n'l students
- Pray for Luane as she follows up with Central Asian students
- for Karen's Central Asian student to come

Men

- Pray for continued vision & focus
- Pray for direction concerning "Wild at Heart"
- Pray for the men of the church to find their place for ministry and service

Small Groups

- Pray for leaders to step up in Roswell / Alpharetta area for the upcoming Community Connect

Alpha

- Alpha Course begins 4/21—pray for participants
- Pray for God to bless the course & leaders
- Pray for wisdom as we minister to those show are seeking to find Him

ESL

- That God would lead us and build ESL
- Pray that God would build the verse 1 Thess 2:8 in ESL
- Pray for direction in what God wants us to do after this session ends

Kid Co.

- Wisdom for dealing with the issues the ministry has
- More workers for all areas of Children's Ministry
- Pray for every leader and worker in children's ministry

Ministry Team

- Ministry teams covered in prayer
- Set training dates for basic and advanced
- 30 people trained for Sunday a.m. ministry
- Deliverance ministry—plan & develop

VLI

- for God to strengthen each student as they face tough spiritual warfare (Chrissey B., Michael B., Jeanne S.)
- That Ken Duffie would be encouraged as he grows in pastoral role; clear future direction

Bookstore

- Bookstore—business to increase so we can make a profit & bless the church, not drain; 2 new Sunday managers who will take responsibility for opening & closing store

Facilities

- That we as a church and those visiting this building, would have a renewed and overwhelming realization that this building is God's House and everything in it is God's and we just have temporary use of it.

LCS

- to hear God's heart for future of LCS
- Teachers—John Moreland, Susan Simon
- Pray for participation from AVC-ers; desire to grow & mature in the Christian life & in intimacy with God

Missions

- Mission Bridge Central Asia: pray that they can fly into Turkey for \$800; that a 2nd flight into Central Asia will open up on Thursdays; that our Central Asia air tickets will be no more than \$350

VSN

- hunger & expectation
- VSN worship team changes; needs unity
- VSN leadership being restructured

Café Vineyard

- for new volunteers that really have a heart & vision for the café ministry
- for Jerry's back to be healed
- for Jerry to have wisdom & management skills

Finances

- Provision for a new roof for the building
- Favor on the current financial audit
- Continuing favor with our tenants, and that we would continue to be a good witness to them

Little Kid Co.

- for our church to see & sense the need to step up & support the preschool & kid co.
- that the workers for every area of the preschool area will step up and help (need sixty-six workers)

MOPS

- Vision for new leadership
- That God would provide more childcare workers
- That MOPS would continue to grow & reach & minister to more moms

Women

- Women's retreat 4/23-24; for women to come!; scholarship money; speakers (Jane Joiner, Michelle Jolly, Susan Simon); small group leaders; Wanda Taft / worship; leadership team; Kathy Breen / helpers; trust

Crossover

- For open & receptive hearts; remove rebellion & confusion
- for our leaders; few; often tired, frustrated

Graphics

- Stationery & communicator budget
- More communicator help with a passion for excellence
- Better process in getting sermons and what's expected

Local Outreach

- Leadership for apt prayer walks
- Outreach-oriented small group; timing; group members
- Boldness, divine appointments, development of prayer ministry at Norcross Co-op

Nexus

- For ministry changes to be communicated well, administrated, and accepted
- Hunger for God's Spirit in Atlanta-area youth, esp. those in Norcross
- God's provision to complete youth room

Worship Arts

- That we would form true community; people would be envisioned for learning & growing in community
- That barriers of fear & insecurity would not separate us from each other / God's purposes