Reaching Forth

Sunday, March 26, the Lord allowed me, a couple helpers, and several young people to hold our first youth meeting at Calvary Baptist Church! Calvary has had youth groups in the past, but it has been a while. It was exciting to restart this ministry! Our theme verse is Philippians 3:13b-14: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Please pray for our group to grow spiritually and for others to join us, especially a teenager named Nathan whom I have been able to connect with briefly a couple times.

In the last two months, I have been able to get involved in the ministry at Calvary: witnessing, preaching, visiting, etc. Please pray for more doors of ministry, especially evangelism, to open and for me to have wisdom regarding future ministry. There is much to do, but I need wisdom in deciding what to do and discipline in doing the right things.

So far, my major projects have been focused on preparing for Easter and getting a youth group going. I also want to start a young adults ministry soon as well since there is a defined need for that age group. Please pray for our Easter outreaches. We have ordered 40,000 flyers to be mailed into the community around the church and are praying for visitors to come to our services and souls to be saved. As a note of praise, we displayed our Easter services banner last Friday, and we already have received a phone call because of it!

It is a blessing to see what God is doing at Calvary currently. We have been consistently receiving visitors. I was able to connect with one visitor named Phil for coffee on a Saturday, and we talked for five hours! I believe he is a believer and searching for fellowship with fellow believers. Please pray that he will stay in contact with me. I have been keeping up with him via texting so far, but he has not been back to church for a while. Also, we were able to have a baptism several weeks ago. What a blessing to hear Ben's testimony of salvation and his desire to follow Christ!

Finally, the Lord provided me with a nice apartment close to the church! The market is pretty competitive right now, and I looked at several. However, one seemed to stand out from the rest. One of our church's men asked me if I would like this apartment. When I said, "Yes," he told me one night that he was praying I would receive favor in the application process for the apartment. Not long after, I was approved!

A Melbourne Moment: Would you take a moment to pray over these prayer points and praises?

Prayers Points

- The youth group and Nathan
- Future ministry
- Easter outreaches
- Visitor retention

Praises

- Youth group restart
- Positive response to Easter banner
- Consistent visitors
- An apartment
- Baptism