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Prayer Requests



Crystal

- My clients who struggle to understand how God could allow them to be abused as children. Please pray that their eyes would be opened to His love and compassion for them.
- Provision for the financial needs of Genesis over the summer months. God has always been faithful, and we know He will be again.
- A family member who is struggling with mental illness. Pray that the Lord would protect her, and break through the fears that she has about getting help. Pray, too, for her immediate family.



Amanda

- Please pray for clients experiencing challenging events in their lives requiring them to make difficult decisions.
- For my sister and her husband that they would trust and walk in faith as they meet challenges to starting a family.



Todd

- Us here at Genesis that we continue to look to the heart of God to provide direction.
- *Rest.* Psalm 46:10 says, "be still, and know that I am God" .
- The time that I have with my family, that I would honor and cherish these relationships.



Katrina

- Prayers for my clients to discover God's wisdom, strength, and peace as they face the storms in their lives.
- Prayers for myself and my family to maintain a grateful and compassionate heart toward one another, friends, extended family, co-workers, and all those we come into contact with.



The Heart of Genesis

Daring To Be The Adults We Want Our Children To Be

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The summer months here in the Northwest have always been for me a time of vacations, hiking, BBQ's, water fights, shorts with flip flops and a time to be more "outdoorsy". At Genesis during the summer the ministry wheels seem to slow down with a reduced number of clients seeking counseling, the teaching opportunities at Moody end as students disappear for the summer, the absence of classes such as Spiritual Formation and Courageous Parenting, all taking a break for a three-month period of time.



We understand however that life's difficulties do not take a summer off! In fact, they multiply and morph into very tenacious and energy sucking patterns of internal belief. Remember that song in the 60's by Nate King Cole with the lyrics, "Roll out those lazy hazy crazy days of summer; those days of soda, of pretzels and beer"? That stanza seems to make the summer months into something idyllic. But even the most memorable and fun summers do not diminish the struggles each of us have. Summers do not postpone the pain and heartache we share. In my work with parents in the Courageous Parenting ministry one of the beliefs I encounter frequently is that parents will be able to control their child's

life and make it a success. Read this excerpt about parents and Millennials from the National Review magazine that gives insight into this belief: "The upper-middle class American style of parenting is creating a generation of children who are trained from birth to believe three things: first, that the central goals of life are success and emotional well-being; second, that the child's definitions of success and emotional well-being are authoritative; and third, that parents and other authority figures exist to facilitate the child's desires". Could it be that a parent can become a child's chief enabler?

During the summer months I will be developing some further thinking and based on the above article for Parenting class that will begin in August. The leaders and I will be in changes in culture as each develops and how these trends affect our parenting. The 12-week class will provide "tools" that will help them fix their children, but their own "heart work" where long held beliefs of their own story and generation have a chance to surface and be re-examined.

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will be developing added curriculum the next Courageous on September 27th. dialogue about these new generation deviate parents not with affect our parenting. We welcome you to inquire about this incredibly influential class that is based on the Scriptures and competent authors who have devoted their lives to supporting parents, which is a lifelong endeavor indeed!

Dennis

Parenting Around The World

With God's unseen work, small beginnings become life-giving ministry avenues to others. Genesis received another e-mail from an influential, Christian leader in Kenya, requesting more information about purchasing our book, *Courageous Parenting*. Stanley Mukolwe, the Kenya national director of the *Navigators*, found our book significant as a primary family resource for parents of teens in Africa! Our office staff has dialogued over the last few years with Stanley about how many Kenyan families have benefitted by this biblical and practical resource developed for parents. Our ministry team has been so encouraged that the Lord has taken our local efforts and multiplied it to reach and encourage families so far away.

"This is Stanley Mukolwe from Kenya. The demand for Courageous Parenting is growing. As mentioned in an earlier e-mail, it's become my reference book for teaching on teenage parenting."

Genesis has supplied him with boxes of *Courageous Parenting*. But now the demand has outstripped our supply! Stanley and Genesis are in conversation to find creative ways to make *Courageous Parenting* training materials more available for this growing demand for parents of teenagers. He indicated that the parents have truly connected to the big theme of our training curriculum: *Parenting isn't about control, it's about influence. Courageous Parenting* is a thoughtful guide to developing the kind of loving and

influential relationship parents long to have with their teens. This life giving resource is a powerful help as parents minister to their own kids in Kenya.

Even as I write these words, it feels somewhat surreal that God has taken our work and multiplied this resource to help many families. Stanley told me our book connects to parents' desire to grow themselves in love and wisdom, and then help their teens. It is his desire to train parents to be able to assist other families in an attempt to help many more struggling teenagers.

We will keep you posted on how this process works out as we dialogue and find the best ways to help Stanley and the parents he serves through his ministry. Know your prayers, support, and financial giving to Genesis ministry makes this possible...serving parents around the world.

Warmly in Christ,

Dave

Executive Director



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Stir Up One Another



The emotional ties that are formed in a community of people who genuinely care for one another goes without saying; it is in those communities that trust is forged. When we trust one another with our person we can begin to speak truth into each other's life.

The writer of Hebrews expressed it this way: "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24)

At Genesis Institute we have embraced this truth by "considering how" to meet the needs of people through the various classes and programs. It is our intent in these programs to speak truth into lives so that God could "stir up" the heart and stimulate each individual to love and

good deeds. Isn't that our heart's desire? We want to love well and do good deeds that others may grow and mature.

Thinking about, "the considering how" and the "stirring up" is something all of us can participate in. Our annual event, **Evening of Stories Fundraiser** is just around the corner. **How blessed we are to have folks like you to consider the impact that the Genesis Institute has on the masses here in Spokane, Washington and around the world.**

We are asking God to "stir up" hearts to give in a monetary way that we might continue and further the work but we need your help. Consider partnering with us as we seek to serve others and glorify God in this endeavor!

Linda

"We are asking God to stir up hearts"

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Fall Classes will be starting before you know it, so REGISTER now to reserve your spot!

Spiritual Formation will start on Thursday, September 8,
Courageous Parenting will start on Tuesday, September 27 and
Core Concepts in Biblical Mentoring will start on Monday, September 12

Our Annual Fundraiser—Evening of Stories—is Thursday, October 13 Seating is limited and registration is required

