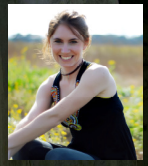


Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. —Hebrews 10:23



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News from New Orleans

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Hello All! The summer is coming to a close, and I am so thankful that cooler weather is on its way! August in Louisiana has been full of 115 degree heat index days! God continues to show me his great faithfulness and also reminds me that His ways are higher than my ways as I work for Him here in New Orleans. As I serve and minister to people each week, God is showing me how important it is to “not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 When things do not happen as quickly or turn out the way I think they should, the Lord shows me that **He has a plan much greater than mine**. All I must do is obey Him and plant those precious seeds, knowing He will take care of causing them to grow and bear fruit. In Proverbs 16:3, I recently read, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.” By faith, I will commit my every step to God, knowing He will never fail me!



My summer has been jam-packed with running construction teams and ministry! The office I've been using now has a ceiling, a running printer, and even has office supplies in the closet—power tools still take up most of the shelves, but it's closer to a running office than ever before :) With our teams' help, we were able to host two outreaches in an inner-city neighborhood, and I recently helped at a back-to-school event where school supplies were distributed to children in need. Also, I was honored to lead worship at two women's banquets, and All Nations has officially begun a School of Urban Missions bible college cohort—we have 12 students taking online classes in our building and hope to have 30 by the fall! Praise God!



The Lord gave me a chance plant a seed of faith in a family that attends our church. The mother is a single mom raising three kids, doing the best she knows how with a past full of pain and hurt. I began meeting with her to do a weekly bible study. She had been obtaining money for food and rent by ways that were devaluing and hurting her—the devil had persuaded her that there wasn't any other way. I began to speak God's truth into her life, and we would fervently pray that God would help her to make the right decisions—ones that may not have an immediate result but a lasting solution. One day, she told me she had decided to try walking with God through her situation even if it meant not having rent money at that moment—she had received an eviction notice and had to find another place to live. After our many phone calls to no avail, I saw the situation was more dire than I had expected—none of her family would take her in, no transitional housing was available, and there was a waiting list for emergency shelter at the Salvation Army. Even on the morning we moved her out, I continued to encourage her to have faith that **God had a plan**, and it did not involve her kids sleeping on the streets or her going back to her old ways. The Lord was indeed testing our faith! When it was down to the wire, He provided a valuable contact—a Christian landlord willing to rent an apartment to her with no security deposit on a month to month basis! The very next day, we moved her in, and she and her kids understood the hand of God was upon them! This was her chance to begin again—find a job, straighten out finances and make things right. She has many trials ahead, and I pray she will cling to God as He guides her through them.

Lastly, I'm excited to share that the Lord has made it possible for me to grow even more in leading worship. A well-known worship leader named Rita Springer has a week-long school called Dive Worship in North Carolina. Friends of mine at my church know Miss Rita and have been encouraging me to go; however, I could not afford the cost of tuition and decided that God would have to make a way if He wanted me to attend. Lo and behold, this past July, Rita Springer, of all people, asked if she could do a worship night at our church, and within a week, she was there playing her piano and leading us in worship to God! After service, my friend took me over to talk to her, and she asked me what my excuse was for not attending her school. After I told her my situation, she said, “That's funny because I just had someone call me yesterday, wanting to scholarship a student. There you go.” This is a true gift from God—I had a feeling He had something up His sleeve :) With all that said, I will be going to NC August 26-September 2 to learn about going deeper in worship with 9 other girls!



Thank you so much for partnering with me on this journey with God. I pray that He would abundantly bless you for your heart for missions. Please continue to pray for me to “not become weary in doing good.” Your prayers bring me strength, and I'm so grateful for you!

For His Great Glory, Myrinda