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CRANFILLS
TAYLOR, LYNSEY, MAXI-ANN, LAWSON
CHURCH PLANTERS to
CHICAGO

"How shall they *believe* in
him of *whom they have not*
heard?..."

Romans 10:14

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Dear Pastor and Church,

We realize this is a bit earlier than usual, especially for those receiving it in their inbox, but we wanted to get this out before Christmas along with our holiday card to wish you a Merry Christmas from the Cranfills. I am truly grateful for this season, as it embodies "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." The trees, the festive scents, the time spent with family, and the joy of giving and receiving gifts are all remarkable. Nothing compares to the chance to celebrate and reflect on the reality that "the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

I am deeply thankful that God wrapped Himself in flesh with the purpose of sacrificing Himself for my sin debt, and on the third day, He rose again, allowing me to experience "life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). I am also grateful for the opportunities God has provided us to engage in various ministries over the past couple of months.

I had the privilege of teaching discipleship classes to individuals who are either exploring the Scriptures or discovering what faith in Jesus Christ truly means. Additionally, I had the chance to preach several times in the city, including at a local outreach organized by one of my mentors and his brother. Since moving here, I have participated in the outreach every Wednesday, but this was the first time I was able to present the Word. I continue to pray that God blesses the message shared that week and each week during the outreach.

We have also been building relationships with people we've met along the way, particularly a young man, whom I met at the meat shop, with the hope of discussing their need for Christ. Lastly, the Lord has placed three specific prayer requests on my heart for my supporters:

- #1 That God would soften the hardened hearts of those in our city.
- #2 That God would specifically work in the hearts of our leaders, granting them wisdom and direction for the days ahead (it's easy to criticize them for their actions, but they need Christ and His guidance).
- #3 That God would help us grow into the Christians we need to be for His glory and the good of our city.

With this in mind, it is my heartfelt desire to see at least one person (and perhaps even 2, 3, or more) every day pray for these specific request throughout the coming year. To achieve this effectively, I have set up a sign-up (here is the link <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/83405a>) where you can choose a specific day/hour to pray for these requests. So, for churches receiving this please share this link with your people and thoughts receiving it individually please consider signing up.

With Love, Taylor, Lynsey, Maxi-Ann Cranfill, and Lawson.

Did you know?

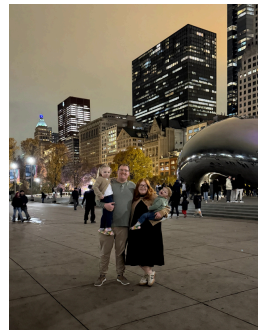
- Chicago is credited with the invention of canned spray paint in 1949
- The Chicago River had its flow flipped to protect the waters of Lake Michigan making it the only river in the world to permanently flow backwards.

Prayer / Praise:

- Grateful for a wonderful thanksgiving
- Grateful for answered prayer big and small
- Pray for continual growth as we continue in our training process
- Pray as Taylor connects with a young man he met through the meat shop
- Pray to build purposeful relationships for the gospel



Our sister visited us
for Thanksgiving



Family Christmas Photo
in Downtown Chicago



Our first big snow
of 10 inches

82%

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