

# The GOOD NEWS in Greater Miami



## To our beloved family in Christ,

Hello, dear friends in Christ and fellow partners in the gospel! I pray you are all doing well in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we have closed out the first quarter of the year, I am filled with gratitude and excitement to share with you the wonderful things God is doing through our shared efforts in spreading the gospel throughout the Greater Miami Area. This newsletter offers a small glimpse into the work taking place—work that is only possible because of your love, support, and partnership. It is our hope that, above all, God is glorified, and that you, our cherished family in Christ, are encouraged as you share in the joy of His work and receive the heartfelt thanks you so richly deserve.

**Philippians 1:3-7** “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. . . I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace,”

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# BAPTISM



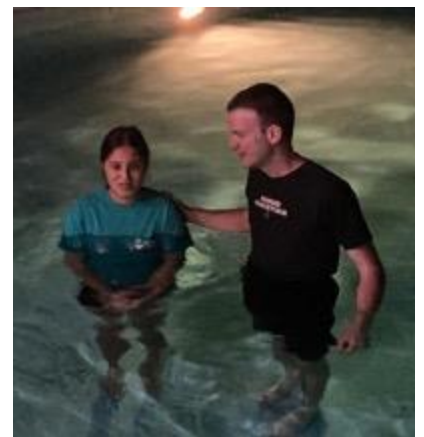
This year is already off to a wonderful and encouraging start, as we have been blessed to witness a baptism early on—a young man named **Christian**...who truly is now a *Christian*.

He first began attending our worship services simply to complete community service hours in order to graduate from High School, helping with cleanup and preparing the building for worship. Early on, I invited him to stay for our Bible study after services, and he honestly replied, *“I just want to get my hours and get home.”*

But along the way, something began to change. One Sunday, he came up to talk with me about the sermon—asking questions and wanting to understand more. That conversation opened the door for deeper study, and by the following week, Christian made the decision **to be baptized into Christ**. It was a powerful reminder that God can use even the smallest beginnings to lead someone to a life-changing commitment.



This momentum carries over from the end of last year, when we rejoiced in three baptisms:



# 12-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Wow! 12 Years already. This past March, we were incredibly blessed to celebrate 12 years of God's faithfulness in the work here in Coral Springs. What began as a small effort with a big vision has, by God's grace, grown into a thriving congregation committed to sharing the gospel throughout the Greater Miami Area.



As we reflected on the journey, we were reminded of the many places we've met, the challenges we've faced, and the countless ways the Lord has provided every step of the way. We are deeply grateful for His continued guidance and for each of you who have partnered with us in this work. We look forward with excitement and faith to what God will continue to do in the years ahead.





# SNAPSHOTS

## EASTER EGG HUNT



We were thankful to host our annual Easter Egg Hunt, bringing together families from both the church and community. It was a joyful time that helped build



connections and opened doors for meaningful relationships.

## TRUTH SEEKERS

Our Truth Seekers (Youth Group) also had another special Q&A night, giving our young people the opportunity to ask honest questions and grow in their understanding of God's Word.



## WORSHIP IN NATURE

We also enjoyed a special Sunday worship in nature at the nature center, where we gathered outside to praise God and reflect on His creation. It was a refreshing and uplifting time that reminded us of

His power and presence all around us.



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## OSCAR MENDOZA



I want to take a moment to recognize and encourage Oscar Mendoza for his faith and example. Recently, Oscar had the incredible opportunity to lead his mother to be baptized into Christ—a moment of great joy and spiritual victory.



But what makes this story even more powerful is what God is doing in his family. Oscar's father, who had left him and his mother while she was pregnant and sent them to America, has been slowly reconnecting with him over the years. Through it all, Oscar has continued to reach out inviting him to come to church.

Recently, that invitation was accepted and came to worship with him and us.

In addition, Oscar has been instrumental in drawing his grandmother closer to the faith. Once strongly opposed to Christianity, she now faithfully worships with us—another testimony to the quiet, persistent influence of a life lived for Christ.

Oscar is also a tremendous blessing within the congregation, faithfully helping with Scripture reading in both English and Spanish. Beyond his spiritual dedication, he has shown great discipline and excellence as a talented swimmer, winning several medals and even competing in the Junior Olympics. His life is a powerful reminder of forgiveness, perseverance, and the transforming power of the gospel—challenging all of us to love deeply, forgive freely, and trust in what God can do in every life.

**And he is only 13 Years Old!**

# PRAYER REQUESTS



PLEASE PRAY FOR **KAYLA**, the wife of Mauricio (our partner missionary family), as they prepare to welcome their fourth child in MAY! It has been a joyful (and funny!) journey alongside them—we’ve joked that we’ve been in a “race,” as they had one child, then we had one...they had two, we had two...they had three, we had three...then we pulled ahead with four—but now they are catching up!

## WE ALSO ASK FOR PRAYERS REGARDING OUR **MEETING PLACE.**



While we trust in God, things have not gone as we had hoped. Over the years, we have moved several times—from storefronts, to a funeral home, to shared facilities, and even a season without a location—all due to city restrictions or circumstances beyond our control. For the past two years, we have been meeting at the Margate Church of Christ building in the afternoons. While we are thankful, there are challenges, including the meeting time, building conditions and perhaps the greatest of all—not being as “welcomed” there as we had hoped. Through it all, we are reminded that the church is not defined by where we meet, but by who we serve. We trust God will continue to provide.

# PERSONAL UPDATES

**Our family continues to be busy and blessed in this season of life!**



**Charlotte (6)** is in 2nd grade, also playing softball, and has been enjoying Broadway-style performances.

She was recently recognized as Student of the Month—something we're especially proud of!

**Scarlett (3)** is in preschool, loves Frozen, and continues to show both strong independence and a very caring, loving heart.

**Violette (9 months)** is still little, but she brings so much joy to our family and truly lights up every room she's in.

**Juliette (9)** is in 4th grade and staying active with softball. She is on the honor roll and serves on student council, and we are so proud of her dedication and growth.



**Brittany** continues working to help our family have health insurance and benefits, which otherwise we wouldn't have. I have a lot of late nights with Bible studies and church gatherings, and without her, I would not be able to do those things. We are grateful for her dedication and the stability it brings to our family as we serve in His Kingdom.

# THANK YOU

In 2014 our team set out to plant a church and bring others to Christ. Since then, we have been striving every day to grow and mature in all areas. Through the challenges God uses, the opportunities He provides, and the reminders He gives to us through people like you, we have been able to do just that.

**Romans 10:14** “How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

**15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?**

I wish I had the time and space to tell you all about everything that’s going on. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or want to know more. And as always, you’re welcome to come and visit us anytime. We have supporters and contributors who come to see us all year round, and it’s always a blessing. Thank you for your love and support, and we pray that this newsletter helps you see the work that God is doing through your generosity.

I cannot help but to ask the question: *where would these people be without the church? Where would these people be without you who are willing to send?* - - **THANK YOU for sending!**

# BIO

I am currently 39 years old and was born and raised in Eastern Kentucky in a town called Hyden. I studied at Freed-Hardeman University where I received a B.A. degree in Bible and Psychology with an emphasis in Missions followed by graduate work at FHU where I received a M.A. degree in New Testament Studies. While at FHU, I was head of the Prison Ministry with the Henderson church of Christ in West Tennessee. I also served as chaplain and Community Service Coordinator, and I was on the missions committee during World Mission Workshop 2012 when FHU hosted the event. My team and I completed a 4-month mission training program at Great Cities Missions in Texas. I was baptized at 12 and began preaching at age 16. I have worked and preached on various mission campaigns, such as: Brazil, Haiti, Aruba, New Zealand, St. Lucia, Grand Cayman, Mexico, as well as throughout the United States.

I met my lovely wife, Brittany Hendrix (formerly Waymire) at FHU. She is 33 years old and from Lexington, Tennessee. In the summer of 1999, she moved with her family to the small island of Aruba to do mission work. They lived there for 8 years and then returned to Tennessee. Brittany attended Freed Hardeman University where she received a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Spanish. She then went on to Nova Southeast University where she graduated with a Master's of Science in SLP. She can speak four languages (English, Spanish, Papiamento, and Dutch) and speaks three of them fluently. She is currently working for Cleveland Clinic Hospital as a speech pathologist.

She and I have always wanted to do mission work. The Lord brought us together and has blessed us to share our dream and desire together for reaching the lost. We now try to instill that same love into our three precious daughters, Juliette, Charlotte and Scarlett.

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