



Spring has sprung in Georgia and summer is fast approaching – at least as far as the temperature is concerned. We have been enjoying warm days and cooler evenings.

Over these last couple of months, I have had a couple of subjects that have been brought to my attention. The first one is that God is in control of the EVERYTHING. The big things in our lives and the small. Not everything goes the way we think it should, but we can rely on Him to be the stable thing in our lives even when we feel things might be going off the rails.



Pictures by Abby Paver

**Spring is here and
Summer is coming**

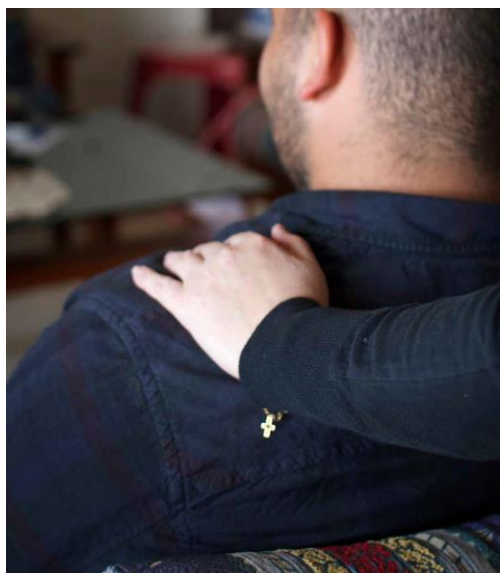


The other one relates to a study we have had on the Sabbath. I was reminded again how important it is to take time from all the busyness to let our bodies be refreshed.

This rest looks different for each person and possibly requires the use of the word “No”. Many people find it hard to say no when asked to do something good, but sometimes this is what is needed.

As summer is fast approaching, we will all need to be mindful of the need for that Sabbath rest. Many things are on the horizon for each of us and we want to be faithful in what the Lord is calling each of us to be involved in.

Here is another of the ministries that is under Catalytic Ministries Area - OM Relief and Development



OM Relief and Development enables and equips people to work on quality projects that empower vulnerable communities among least-reached people. We are the hands and feet of Jesus in practical ways that build people up to change their own lives and fight for justice. While living in direct proximity to those in need and the least reached, we demonstrate and speak the gospel into their lives through health education, agriculture, rehabilitation of people with disabilities, social work, women's empowerment, skills development and job preparation.

BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

In a country in the Near East where 98 per cent of the population is Muslim and there is a large number of refugees from neighboring countries, the challenges of displacement, poverty and health are pressing issues. In one area where over 750,000 refugees live in small, overcrowded flats and face financial and social instability, the need for holistic support is critical. That is where OM Relief and Development stepped in. OM Relief and Development's catalytic approach — which began with medical clinics — expanded into holistic community transformation, reaching the most vulnerable through compassionate care, prayer and strategic partnerships.

MOBILISING BOLDLY

The initial focus of OM Relief and Development's ministry was on meeting the basic humanitarian needs of people who are refugees, including the distribution of food and supplies. However, as time went on, it became clear that the most pressing need in the area was medical care. Many people lacked access to adequate healthcare and had no knowledge of how to navigate the system. In response, OM Relief and Development initiated monthly mobile clinics, which evolved into a weekly clinic hosted by a local church partner by 2019. This consistent medical presence became the backbone of their work, providing essential healthcare services and creating a natural point of connection with the community.

OM Relief and Development's engagement in the community did not stop with physical needs. As trust grew, new programs developed out of these clinics, including mental health support, women's exercise groups, boys' clubs and health education programs. By creating safe spaces for women and children to gather and learn, OM Relief and Development began the process of shifting from purely relief work to community development.



**Amanda & Greg (radio broadcaster)
with the Women's Volleyball trophy**

Amanda – has had a very exciting year at SFA. Since our last letter the Football, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's Indoor Track and Field, Women's Basketball, Women's Tennis, and Women's Volleyball teams have all won their conference championship. She is not responsible for all these sports, but she is sometimes involved with different aspects.

She has had a busy spring especially during cross over season when several of her sports were playing at the same time. This made for some long weeks of work. She is extremely thankful for the amazing team she gets to work with.

As the summer is approaching sports will be wrapping up competition in the next couple of weeks, so she is excited to slow down and have some down time. **Pray** that she would continue to seek that work/life balance.

Janice – I have been quite busy with my team on several projects. I am hoping to wrap up a big one soon. **Pray** that our team can keep focused on the important tasks and see quick and good resolutions. We have some big projects that need to be done by the end of the year and will be working toward those goals. We could also use another person in our team to help us get these projects accomplished on time.



**Amanda & Addy (one of the managers)
with the Women's Basketball trophy**

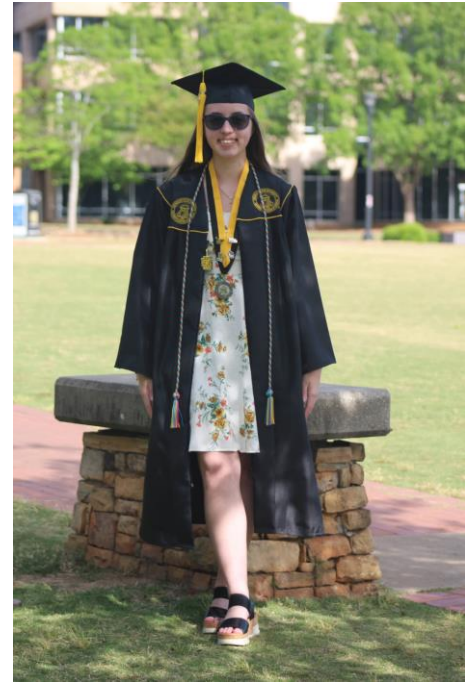
Abby – has had a very busy last semester of her college career. Her Senior Portfolio work is featured on the KSU Spring 2026 Virtual Exhibition (click the link or scan the QR code). She will be graduating on the 13th of May from Kennesaw State University. We are proud of her in this accomplishment. We are also excited for her in this next step in her life.

She has been offered a full-time position with the company that she did her internship within high school – Country Fried Creative. She has been working part time with them since high school and is looking forward to getting more experience with them. **Pray** for her as she adjusts to full time hours and some different responsibilities in her work.

Our Upcoming Graduate



<https://campus.kennesaw.edu/colleges-departments/arts/academics/visual-arts/exhibitions-events/spring-2026-gc-capstone.php#abbypaver>



Tom

On January 30th I received notification that my mother had fallen and was in the hospital. After processing that information for a few hours, Janice and I decided to drive up to Illinois for what we thought would be a long weekend. By the time we arrived it was clear that my mom was not going to recover from what was a massive stroke. Arrangements were made to get her moved back to the health care facility at the retirement community where they lived. This happened in the early evening of January 31st. We met with people from hospice care to learn about what would come next. Early on February 1st my mother entered her eternal home. The focus shifted to supporting my dad as final arrangements were made and helping him adjust to his new reality. My parents had just celebrated

their 69th wedding anniversary a few weeks earlier, so this was going to be a big change for dad. None of my 3 brothers live very close, so we are trying to make sure someone visits each month. Thankfully my dad's brother and 2 sisters-in-law live in the same complex along with other caring friends. Please **pray** for my dad (Bill) as he continues to adjust.

On April 12th I was privileged to teach a lesson in the class we attend that emphasized that the resurrection of Jesus is not just something we celebrate once a year – or even every Sunday. When we declare that 'Jesus has Risen' we are saying that our enemy has been defeated, and Satan has been completely vanquished (though the final chapter has yet to be closed). Hallelujah, HE IS ALIVE!

As always thank you for your support of us and the work of OM.

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