

On the Grind - Summer '10 Edition

The 3 R's

When I would come home from elementary school my dad would always ask "how did the 3R's go?" His 3R's were readin', (w)ritin', and (a)rithmetic! My summer will consist of 3R's as well:

- **Resources** - The Lord provides for the needs of this ministry. Following the leading of the Holy Spirit, I will be searching for and meeting with those who feel called to financially support the ministry of reconciliation.
- **Reconciliation** - May 31st - June 5th I will serve as one of the faculty for the Duke Summer Institute where the theme will be "The Ministry of Reconciliation in a Divided World." You can follow the institute week [here](#).
- **Renewal** - I will take my annual planning retreat in July. These 3 days are the most important for the ministry of Samaritan Way every year. Also in the summer I come off the road somewhat and take a study break. My top books I plan on reading:

The Mission of God by Christopher Wright
When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert
To Change the World by James Hunter
The Next Evangelicalism by Soong-Chan Rah
Canaan Land by Albert Raboteau



Reconciliation by Margaret Adams Parker

I look forward to this summer of the 3R's. One more "R" before I end. As a **reminder**, I consider our prayer partnership to be a two way street. If you have any prayer requests feel free to send them my way. I would love to hear from you. Have a great summer!

In Christ,
Alvin
Acts 4:31

Seven SHOUTS from May

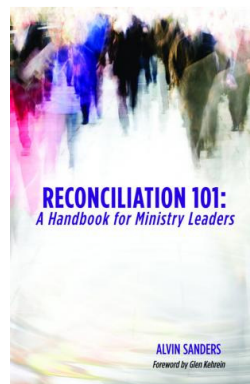
1. PRAISE the Lord for our latest Samaritan Way Associate (David Park) graduating from Seminary.
2. PRAISE the Lord for another successful academic year for my daughters Hannah and Gabrielle.
3. PRAISE the Lord for the providence of God. Although I was disappointed that I was not able to get my visa approved in time for my planned Brazil trip, the resulting 8 days at home proved to be fruitful in a variety of ways.
4. PRAISE the Lord for a successful EFCA church health summit.
5. PRAISE the Lord for a great time of preaching and worship at my home church, Hope Church of Mason, OH.
6. PRAISE the Lord for clarity concerning holistic (compassion) ministry strategy for the EFCA in North America.
7. PRAISE the Lord for a very productive first half of the year.

Top Ten Requests for the Summer

1. As I mentioned earlier May 31st- June 5th I will be serving as part of the faculty for the Duke Summer Institute. There will be 150 participants from 30 states and 7 countries. Pray that the Lord has his way and empowers all of the faculty and participants.
2. I also previously mentioned my annual planning retreat. July 14-16 I will be planning, praying, and constructing the 2010-11 Samaritan Way ministry plan. Pray for the Spirit's presence.
3. The EFCA Leadership Conference will be held in Columbus, OH June 15-17. Please intercede for its success, especially for the workshops I will be involved in.
4. Every year I conduct "pastor calls" where I call 50 EFCA pastors to pray for and encourage them in their ministry. Pray that these go well and I get all 50 done this summer.
5. Teaching *History and Theology of the African American Church* at Gordon-Conwell Seminary (Boston, MA) in June and July. Pray for great class sessions.
6. Pray for the Sanders family as we take a vacation in Destin, FL on the gulf coast the first week of August. Hopefully there won't be any oil on the beach!
7. Caroline will be starting her MA in Counseling at Cincinnati Christian University in August. Pray for her to get off to a great start.
8. My sister (Jessina) is due to have her baby in August. She is a high risk pregnancy so they may induce her to deliver earlier. Pray for her to successfully carry the baby to term.
9. Continued prayer for my parent's (Alvin Sr. and Jessie) health.
10. There is potential for significant expansion of Samaritan Way in the fall if several things align properly. Pray for alignment to happen.



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