

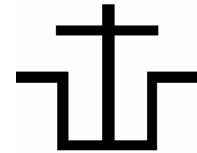
The E.22:30 Update

Standing in the Gap Alumni Association

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New Chapter of Standing in the Gap

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"So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one." Ezekiel 22:30 (NKJV)

Will you Stand in the Gap with us?

Alumni Interests:

-Brian Mackie and Nate Polzin were both ordained by the Church of the Brethren on Sunday, February 11th at New Life Christian Fellowship in Mt. Pleasant.

-Ranjit Gorde is currently seeking employment in India. Continue to pray for God's will in his life!

-Kim Hohensee will be starting her Masters in Christian Counseling at Oral Roberts University in the Fall of 2007.

If you have any "Alumni Interests to add, please e-mail: info@standinginthegap.us

A new chapter has begun in the ministry life of Standing in the Gap Christian Fellowship. The elders of New Life Christian Fellowship, the church that sponsored Gap on Central Michigan University's campus, has a vision to establish campus ministries and church plants in college towns across Michigan. We are hoping to do five in the next ten years. The first "daughter" church and Gap has just recently gotten underway.

Standing in the Gap - Saginaw Valley State University Chapter, has been meeting for about four weeks now. Jessica Herron has transferred from Mt. Pleasant to SVSU to be one of our first students. Vanessa Palmer also moved to Saginaw to help get the new work started. Rich Scherf is our praise and worship leader, and I am the campus pastor.

Just this past Friday, we completed the necessary steps to become an official registered student organization at SVSU, and we had seven people come to our Bible study yesterday. We are starting Gap at SVSU the same way we started at CMU, with a chapter by chapter study of the book of Acts!

I am even taking a class at SVSU to help us get moving quicker. Already, I

have met several students and begun conversations about the Lord and Gap. God has really been good to us, bringing us the people we needed to get all the paperwork filed.

We are envisioning both Gaps (and all the Gaps in the future) doing joint retreats and mission trips together. Imagine, college kids from different campuses all studying through foundations, connecting with one another a couple times a semester, and then networking through out life in service to the Lord and in their personal and professional lives, as well!

I also believe we will see young men and women from these campus fellowships continue to be called out into the full-time ministry. These new leaders will be the planters and ministers of the new Gaps and churches that we start.

The name of the church that Jessica, Vanessa, and I are planting in Saginaw is The Church in Drive. Saginaw has an automotive manufacturing background, so the name connects us to the community in that way. In addition, we are seeking to "go places with Jesus," not just sit in neutral and idle. The church meets Sunday mornings at 10AM for prayer, then at 11 AM, we go out into the community knocking or

doors or trying to meet people in the mall. We are looking to collect prayer requests from them, then we pray for them at our Tuesday night prayer meeting (7 PM). We plan on beginning the church with the people we are praying for who see God move in their lives through our prayers. The Church in Drive also has a Sunday evening Bible study at 6 PM.

We could use a few more people to form the core of this new ministry, either Gap or The Church in Drive. Would you take a few minutes or days to pray about whether God might be calling you to be a part of this church plant? Maybe you already live near Saginaw, or maybe God would call you to move here intentionally (that's what He did with us). :) Either way, if you think God might be speaking to your heart about helping, please get in contact with me.

I am grateful to Brian and Jake giving me the opportunity to re-connect with you all through this newsletter. I pray God's richest blessings on you all, and I thank you for being part of Standing in the Gap; past, present, and future!

In Christ's love and for His glory,

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The Assistant's Spot: (by Jake Davis)

Evangelism. It's the one thing that has been really missing from my life since coming to college at CMU. I never really saw the REAL need and command in my life to share the Gospel in any way possible until the summer of 2006. I ran across The Way of the Master (www.wayofthemaster.com) through a message I heard during Summer Gap given by Gap Alumni Patric Spence. Ever since, through that message and through learning about Way of the Master, I have been so exhorted to share the Gospel with others. I, along with other Gappers, have given out tracts on campus throughout the Fall and Spring semesters now. We have made ourselves available to share the message of salvation with those who are lost and heading to hell.

I have found other materials that speak of the importance of evangelism. In fact, I don't see how we can live as a true believer in Jesus Christ and not have a desire to seek and save the lost. Maybe you are at that point where you've been too scared, too apathetic, or too whatever...and have not told someone about Jesus Christ or have not done so on a regular basis. Instead of going into a long message about this, I would recommend you check out a couple online sources that may just shock you into life and get you on track with the Lord in this area. Please visit: www.revivalschool.com, www.wayofthemaster.com, www.thegreatnews.com.

Preach the Gospel to All!

\$10 per month supporters program

Standing in the Gap-CMU is setting a goal of at least 5 monthly financial supporters of \$10 to be attained by the end of the Spring semester. This would mean at least \$50 per month going towards various ministries of Standing in the Gap. This commitment would be for one year.

The ministry of Standing in the Gap is moving and growing. Gap is in a foundation-building stage right now as more new people are checking out the ministry and as the ministry starts a new Bible Study on Tuesday nights in the Towers.

Standing in the Gap-CMU has a budget for 2007 which will be posted on the Finance website for those who wish to see where our finances are

being used. If you would like a copy of the budget sent to your e-mail account, please e-mail your request to jakedavis@oru.edu.

The \$10 per month supporter program has been started and we already have two monthly supporters on board thus far as of the date of this newsletter being written. Each supporter will receive a gift from Standing in the Gap in appreciation of their support.

If you would like to become a \$10 a month supporter of Standing in the Gap, please go to:

www.dependencepromotions.com/sitg.

If you have **ANY** questions about the monthly supporter program, please e-mail Jake at jakedavis@oru.edu!

Thank you!

Miscellaneous Messages

Tuesdays at Ten in Troutman: SITG-CMU Campus Pastor Brian Mackie has seen the need to reach the younger college students at CMU. In seeing this need, Brian has moved forward with starting a small group Bible Study in the Towers called "Answers for Life". He will be meeting on Tuesday nights at 10pm in the Troutman Lounge with whomever shows up. We will be advertising this small group on table tents, with flyers, and with trash takeout events that we will be doing in the Towers as well. Please be in prayer for this!

Be Encouraged!

"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"
(Romans 8:32 NIV)

What a great encouragement to know that God will provide for us all things. Just like in Matthew 6:33, it says in Romans that God is our provider. Seek after God's will and do it! God provided His Son, Jesus Christ. How much more will He provide us life to do His will in this world? Go and do God's will!

SITG Alumni Association website:

www.standinginthegap.us/alumni/

Supporting Standing in the Gap

If you would like to bless Standing in the Gap with a financial gift, you have two options:

1. *Send your gift via mail to:*

Standing in the Gap
412 W. Broomfield
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

2. *Give your gift online:*

www.standinginthegap.us/finance/

Please make a note of what you would like your gift to go toward:

- General Fund
- Missions
- Retreats
- Future investments
- Support Staff

Thank you so much for your support!