

The Nissen Family
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John 20:21: "So Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.'"

In January, we had our weekend youth winter retreat for middle school. Debbie and Gabi both went, Debbie as a leader and Gabi as a high school student leader. Gabi also helped lead the worship for the retreat. The theme of the retreat was "Can You Hear Me Now? Tuning in to Hear God's Voice," and we gave the students the opportunity to pray and listen to God's voice for other students about how God sees them and designed them or just words of encouragement. It was a pretty powerful time. Several middle schoolers gave their hearts to Jesus or renewed their dedication to Him! It was also a joy to see the high school student leaders serving with joy and hard work as they helped and ministered to middle schoolers.

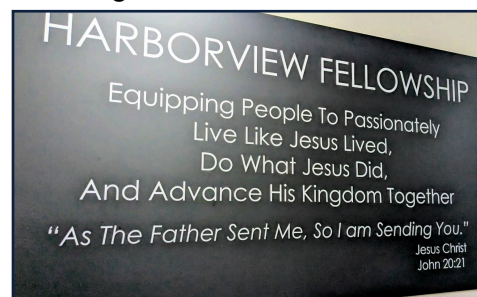


"WE WILL TELL THE
NEXT GENERATION
THE PRAISEWORTHY
DEEDS OF THE LORD,
HIS POWER, AND THE
WONDERS HE HAS
DONE." - PSALM 78:4



Just prior to the middle school retreat, Gabi went on a student leaders retreat. We have at least 50 or more student leaders in the high school. These are kids who want to learn more about living like Jesus lived, and they have a heart to be servant leaders. The retreat gave them the opportunity to be poured into by the adult leaders who went—and a time for planning and learning. Their theme was "Going First."

One of the things the student leaders get to do is plan 2-3 high school youth services each year. They plan, cook, and serve dinner. They plan worship, games, teaching, ministry time, etc. This month, they had several student leaders giving their testimonies. These kids love Jesus and others. Our church-wide mission statement, which our youth repeat almost every Wednesday to the point that most of them know it by heart is, "Equipping people to passionately live like Jesus lived, do what Jesus did, and advance His kingdom together." This statement is posted all over the church building and is the heart of the church.



Our church just had one of their Freedom Intensive weekends (they have them 3 times a year). Gabi was taking the Freedom Prayer Training course for the first time. She has attended the Living Set Free course and the Hearing God's Voice course multiple times, but she felt like she was ready for the training to help pray for freedom for other people. She wanted to take the training last fall, but the classes filled up quickly. Unfortunately, she missed the last day because of sickness, but she can take it again in April. All of us have taken these courses several times, and we always get something fresh from them. God wants His people to live and walk in freedom found fully in Christ! These courses equip us not only to minister to others (and thereby following our mission statement) but also to walk through getting set free ourselves as needed so we can live victorious and fulfill God's calling and Divine design in our lives.

Please continue to pray for Cameron. Last year he had a back surgery that started out well in his recovery, but within a few months things started to go bad again. In late January he was finally able to have a rescheduled surgery that so far seems to be working for him. He suffered through sleepless nights as he endured constant pain. If you ever had any level of back pain, you can easily relate. It can take the life out of you. Currently he is able to sleep again. Please pray that his back will fully recover and that he will be able to be completely normal. He and Greg have been unable to meet up regularly due to past back pain. It is their desire to once again get back to studying God's word together and fellowshiping. Thank you for praying. Our God is still in the healing business!

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who takes the time to read our newsletters, prays for us, and gives in financial partnership support. 2026 is going to be a big year for the greater Seattle area. In terms of sports, Seattle has been greatly highlighted. First, it was the Seattle Mariners in the baseball playoffs, nearly making the World Series. Secondly, the Seattle Seahawks just won the Super Bowl, which was very exciting. The Seattle area lit up the fireworks after the big win. And thirdly, Seattle will be one of the host cities for the upcoming World Cup this summer. These events are special for Washington residents. But what would be MOST special would be to see a mighty revival and awakening unfold in this spiritually dark region of the United States. Often, the darker a place, the greater the light! Thank you for partnering with us to shine forth the great light of Jesus here in the Pacific Northwest. Pray that we will find ways to impact this region beyond any great sporting event. And as Seattle prepares for the World Cup, pray that we will find ways to invest into the nations coming here with the beautiful good news of Jesus Christ!

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