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FOLLOW-UP

Consumed was an all-church journey that explored what it means to be consumed by God instead of materialism, and how to live more generously with both time and money. It's been three months since the official end of the journey, but Consumed continues to touch lives. Below is David and Allison's story.

David and Allison's story:

Right before the Consumed journey, David and I felt led to pray about a potential missions opportunity. My heart has always been heavy for oppressed women. After a vacation in Thailand, I felt more tugged in the direction for working with women who are trafficked into prostitution in Bangkok.

I found a great organization called NightLight, but the minimum work period with them was three months, and we could only afford one. We thought about raising the rest of the funds, but asking for money was something our pride did not want us to take on. But God was persistent that he wanted us to go on this trip.

After we shared our story with our Consumed group, they felt so strongly about supporting us that they contributed a VERY large portion of our entire trip expenses. We were floored. Communities rooted in Christ DO change the world! Our time in Bangkok was an incredible experience.

Our Consumed group has even continued to support this cause: When they learned of a trafficked woman from Uzbekitstan whose boss stole her papers and passport, they sent a sacrificial sum of money to help her obtain a new passport and fly home to her family. None of this would have been possible without our un-Consumed friends.

FAQ

Does this really count as "church?"

Yes. And no. In the Bible, God says that people should get together on a regular basis. That's what happens on the weekend. But it shouldn't end there. It's also important to be involved in some form of smaller community where you are growing, learning and serving. Check out the Info Center for details on getting involved with a small group. That's where "church" gets really interesting.

Got a question? Ask me at TheProgram@crossroads.net.

HILLS we die on

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

reproduction

Reproduction is about recognizing something that God has created and then reproducing it in his name. We want to send God's message out into the world by reproducing everything from the weekend program to CDs of each message series. Crossroads wants to be a place where Christ-followers reproduce Christ-followers, leaders reproduce leaders and churches reproduce other churches.

(From Matthew 28:19-20 in the Bible)

The Seven Hills We Die On are applications of biblical truth expressed through the unique personality of Crossroads. Check out the Info Center to read the rest of 'em.

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It's only July and I'm already sick of political ads.



current message series

When Jesus prayed a final prayer for his followers, the main thing he asked was that God would make them "one." During our summer series we're inviting in some of our favorite teachers and asking them what they see God doing in the world today in an effort to learn from them and become one.

today

This weekend we'll talk about God's grace and how we can be part of sharing it with others.

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time here? OR SECOND, OR THIRD, OR TENTH...

Weekends at Crossroads

Weekends here are for anyone who wants to seek God, from those exploring whether or not God even exists to committed Christ-followers. We present basic, biblical truths and show how they apply to our everyday lives. And we have a lot of fun doing it-we don't believe in disconnecting from the things we enjoy, the music we like or a great joke just because we're "in church."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS ❷

MASON LAUNCH TEAM

Monday, July 21, 7-8:30pm at Mason Middle School (at the corner of Tylersville and Mason Montgomery Roads). Join the team that is starting Crossroads in Mason. There will be times of teaching and vision, worship through singing, and communion. Onsite childcare available by RSVP. Respond with the number and ages of your child(ren) to Karen Gerke at karengerke@yahoo.com.

LAST WEDNESDAY

Join us for an evening of worship and communion on Wednesday, July 30 at 7pm. Childcare will be provided.

GET TOY CRAZY

Get a child's perspective of the toys in Kids' Club, Tuesday, July 22 from 6:30-8pm. We'll take inventory, reorganize, and brainstorm throughout the different rooms. We'll even feed you pizza-not goldfish. RSVP to kc@crossroads.net. If you need childcare, please e-mail childcare@crossroads.net with the ages and number of children.

STEPUP PRISON MENTORING

Help someone pursue a second chance as they are released from prison. The next training is August 12. Contact Phil Richardson for more information at stepup@crossroads.net.

BE A PRAYER PARTNER

Support and encourage the launch of Crossroads Mason by praying for a member of the Mason Launch Team. If you're interested please e-mail us at masonprayer@crossroads.net.

CSM CLOSED IN AUGUST

CSM is changing. So, in order to prepare staff and volunteer leaders, CSM Jr. and Sr. High will be shutting down for four weeks in August. There will be no CSM services on August 10, 17, 24, and 31, so teens should ioin their families in the Auditorium those weeks. CSM will be back in action Sunday, September 7. For more info, contact Paul Owens at powens@crossroads.net.

PRAYER

Available after each service in the Prayer Room (look for the signs). Fireside prayer every Saturday from 9-10am in the Atrium by the fireplace. Tuesday morning prayer at 7am in the CSM room. Visit our website and click on "prayer requests" or e-mail requests to prayerrequest@crossroads.net. All requests are held in strict confidence.

For more info on things happening around Crossroads, visit www.crossroads.net

your kids will



At Crossroads, kids have their own space called Kids' Club. While you're in service, your kids are hearing fun, engaging lessons and participating in small groups where they can ask questions and be themselves. They also have plenty of hang time with other kids and our (background-checked) volunteers. Don't let them tell vou all they did was play; they learned something, too. Check out this week's lesson at crossroads.net/kc.

For more information, contact Kim Botto at kbotto@crossroads net or 513 731 7400 x520



LAST WEDNESDAY

Join us on the last Wednesday of the month where we'll gather for an evening of worship and communion. Plus. free air conditioning.

JULY 30 AT 7PM

Childcare's provided. Dinner's not.

NEWER

to crossroads?

Discover more about the vision behind Crossroads and how you can get involved (if you want) by attending this weekend's Context Live event on Sunday at 1pm in Meeting Room A/B. Meet some people. Get some questions answered. Eat some lunch. Seriously, if you didn't have lunch plans yet, now you do.



meet

Angle Ash serves in Kids' Club, and will continue to serve there in Mason starting this fall. She is so excited about Crossroads Mason that she moved further north to be a part of it.

How did you become involved in Crossroads Mason?

My husband and I were in the process of looking for a new house and were looking more downtown to be closer to his work and church. Once Mason was on our radar we just kept feeling the pull to be a part of it. In the end, we found our perfect home in West Chester.

Why serve now, before Mason even opens?

We are one church and we want to bring what we do at Oakley to Mason. We want to bring excellence to Mason from the start, so we are training people now.

If you'd like to volunteer in Kids' Club in Mason or in Oakley, e-mail cc@crossroads.net or call 513.731.7400 x520.

