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## did you **KNOW**

### About GO Mamelodi?

Four hundred people from this community are headed to South Africa in the next two weeks as part of GO Mamelodi. They will plant gardens, construct houses, play with kids, and most importantly, build relationships on the other side of the globe. GO Mamelodi is part of Crossroads' partnership with Charity & Faith Mission, a church in Mamelodi, which is a township in Pretoria, South Africa.

To keep up on the trip, visit [crossroads.net/gomamelodi](http://crossroads.net/gomamelodi).



## HILLS

we die on

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

### Excellence

We don't believe in striving for unrealistic perfection. Real **excellence** is about bringing your best to God's work and to life in general. We want to bring our "A-game" to everything that we do, whether it's our communication and music, how we hold babies in the nursery or how we take care of the building, we want it to reflect excellence for Christ.

(From Malachi 1 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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The Program

College basketball season can't come soon enough.

## FAQ

### I absolutely do not believe in God. Am I still welcome?

Yes, you absolutely are welcome. We do expect that you'll be open to exploring your questions about God and wrestling with what you find. And we do expect you to believe we're funny. Or at least fake it.

Got a question? Ask me at [TheProgram@crossroads.net](mailto:TheProgram@crossroads.net).

## upcoming at 3500 OPEN

### Salsa Lessons

Learn the steps of this famous Latin dance style.

No partner needed.

Sundays, 4pm

### Story Time at 3500

For kids and parents: come for stories and songs under the tree, and stay for a few runs down the slide.

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30am



## 3500 OPEN

*We've got a cool building at 3500 Madison in Oakley, and we like to share it with others. So come enjoy free coffee, free wireless, plenty of couch and quiet. For more information on 3500 Open, visit [crossroads.net/3500](http://crossroads.net/3500).*

LOCATIONS, SERVICE TIMES AND DIRECTIONS AT [CROSSROADS.NET](http://CROSSROADS.NET).



## current message series

"Gimme. Mine!" It's something we might hear a two-year-old demand while playing with a friend. Kids often develop a sense of entitlement about things in their world. But we all outgrow that, right? In November, we'll examine how a sense of entitlement can creep in and poison our lives, and how gratitude can provide the antidote.

## today

We'll be talking about how entitlement ruins relationships, and how servanthood can save them.

# FIRST

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

## Welcome

Whatever your thoughts on church, whatever your beliefs about God, you are welcome here. We won't make assumptions about what you believe. You won't be asked to wear a nametag or make a speech. We're just glad you're here, and we hope you enjoy yourself.

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## in the KNOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS ☒

### NEED THANKSGIVING DINNER?

If your family would be blessed by a Thanksgiving box this year, call 513.731.7400 x384 by Monday, November 17.

### NEW BEGINNINGS

Interested in serving our community? New Beginnings offers flexible serving opportunities to reach out to those less fortunate. For more info, call 513.731.7400 x388 or e-mail [newbeginnings@crossroads.net](mailto:newbeginnings@crossroads.net).

### SERVE SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS

Volunteer (no experience required) to pair with kids and help integrate them into the classroom. Trained professionals are also needed for kids requiring a higher level of care. For more info, contact Heather Meyer at [hc@crossroads.net](mailto:hc@crossroads.net) or 513.681.7527.

### THINK TAX DEDUCTION

If you have a used car in decent condition, consider donating it to Wheels. We'll recondition it, make minor repairs and give it to a member of our community. You'll receive a tax deduction and, more importantly, the satisfaction of knowing that you've been a huge blessing to someone in need. To make a donation call 513.731.7400 x584.

### HELP PEOPLE IN NEED

Got some nice stuff you're willing to part with? Crossroads is helping to use "cut above the rest" furniture and other donations to be a blessing to people who are working to break the cycle of poverty in their lives. Collections will take place in the Annex at Crossroads Oakley on the third Saturday of every month from 2-5pm, beginning November 15. For more info, e-mail [citylink@crossroads.net](mailto:citylink@crossroads.net).

### PRAYER

Available after each service in your Auditorium seat. Tuesday morning prayer at 7am in the CSM room at Crossroads Oakley. For prayer requests, go to [www.crossroads.net](http://www.crossroads.net), click "contact us" then select "prayer request" at the bottom of the page. All requests are held in strict confidence.

For more info on things happening around Crossroads, visit [www.crossroads.net](http://www.crossroads.net).

## your kids will LOVE this



We love giving kids an opportunity to be generous. Right now Kids' Club is collecting peanut butter to send to our friends in South Africa (some things, like kids and PB&J, are universal). To really bless those South Africans keep these things in mind: peanut butter should be in an 18-oz. jar (for international shipping, bigger does not equal better), it should be creamy (1.4 million Mamelodians agree that chunks are bad) and it should be an unopened jar (so keep your fingers out of there—for the love).

For more information, contact Kim Botto at [kbotto@crossroads.net](mailto:kbotto@crossroads.net) or 513.731.7400 x520.



# SERVE

HOW TO GET INVOLVED AT CROSSROADS

### Feed a Family (or a township) this Thanksgiving

Pick up a box for the Thanksgiving Food Drive this weekend, and you could help provide 200,000 meals to needy families. The food drive feeds families both in Cincinnati and in South Africa (the boxes are different—we don't send frozen turkeys overseas), and it's easy to participate. Go on your own, or gather together family, friends or a small group, and grab a box in the Atrium (just follow the signs). Then, return it filled with the appropriate food the weekend of November 22/23.

Questions? Visit [crossroads.net/tfd](http://crossroads.net/tfd).

## meet RYAN

Ryan Lex is the volunteer leader for the Thanksgiving Food Drive (TFD), which will provide more than 200,000 meals to families in Cincinnati and South Africa this fall.

### What is the best thing about your role?

Thinking about the lives that are blessed by the TFD. Not just the people receiving boxes, but also the people filling boxes and volunteering for the event.

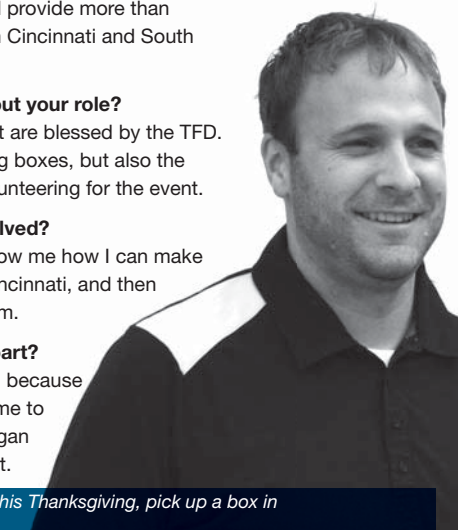
### How did you become involved?

I prayed that God would show me how I can make a difference in the city of Cincinnati, and then I was asked to lead this team.

### What's the most difficult part?

Saturday drop off in Oakley, because it makes it very difficult for me to watch the Ohio State/Michigan game. However, it is worth it.

If you'd like to feed families this Thanksgiving, pick up a box in the Atrium this weekend.



# NEWER to crossroads?

Discover more about the vision behind Crossroads and how you can get involved (if you want) by attending the next Context Live event on Sunday, November 16 at 1pm, at Crossroads Oakley. Meet some people. Get some questions answered. Eat some free lunch—it might very well be your last non-turkey meal.

For more information, visit [crossroads.net/contextlive](http://crossroads.net/contextlive).

# CONTEXT

WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO