

THE WOODS

P R A Y E R R E Q U E S T S

Both of the SC teams we visited are finding hard soil at the campuses they focus on - pray for student's hearts to be open.

Nov 18-20, our team is hosting a gathering of all of our staff. Pray for strength to finish planning it and for it to refresh our staff.

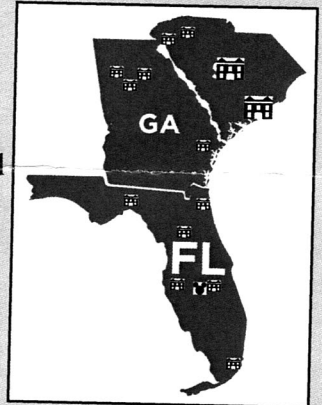
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SOUTH CAROLINA TEAM VISITS

In my role, I am caring for staff on 15 different teams throughout Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. One of the parts of my ministry that I enjoy the most is going to visit those teams and getting to know the staff on their own turf. We want to visit every team every 18 months (which you'd think wouldn't be too difficult, but when you consider all of our schedules, it feels miraculous to pull off just 6 of them). In mid October, I went with 3 other team members to Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina. *(Below is a picture with the Charleston team)*

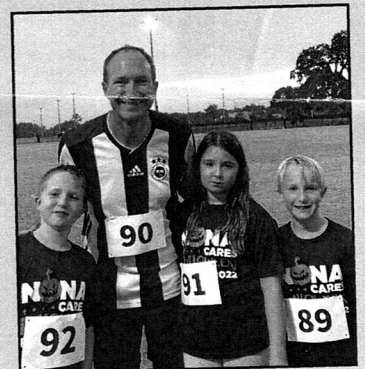
On a visit, we want to hear how the Lord is working in and through them while also equipping their team with something to help them work together better or grow in their personal development. We also meet one-on-one with each team member to learn more specifically how they're doing. I love the window it gives me into our staff's lives! On this last visit, we heard from a number of women who were feeling unsettled in their current roles and



wondering if it was time to try a new role. Some of them felt helpless or stressed about knowing what to do next. We were able to connect them to people who could help them explore where their gifts and passions were pointing them at this time in their lives. Some staff can feel guilty or like they're the only ones struggling. I loved being able to point out the ways I saw God working in and through them; and reminding them they're not alone.

PERSONAL UPDATE

Fall does not hit Florida the way it does up north; and I haven't been able to shake the need to see and breathe that season in. This year I was blessed to experience it twice! The last week in September, Ben and I celebrated 21 years of marriage by traveling around Maine. It was more beautiful than I'd imagined and so restful! *But wasn't that when Hurricane Ian hit Florida?* Yes it was. Thankfully it didn't hit Orlando as hard as it hit the Ft Meyers area, so Ben's parents, our kids and our house were fine (though that is not the ideal way to leave your family for a week). A few weeks later we flew up to Michigan to attend a Missions Conference at a supporting church. That was such an encouraging time



to connect with other missionaries and hear their stories of how God is working all over the world! The kids loved seeing all the colorful trees and jumping in the leaves. Finally, as you know, Ben loves to run. Though that bug has never bitten me, our kids enjoy running with him from time to time. Last week, everything aligned as our soccer team hosted a mile run and a 5k. Ben ran in both and the kids did the mile run. I'm so proud of all of them! Thanks for sharing in our joys with us and for keeping us in your prayers! *Ben & Mandi*