

McCracken Update

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A few days after we sent our last update, bragging about our great weather, this is

what it looked like outside our house.



Multiethnic Conversations

Every Sunday after church in January and February, this beautiful group of people (not all are pictured) met together for lunch to discuss the book *Multiethnic Conversations: An Eight-Week Journey toward Unity in Your Church* By: [Mark DeYmaz](#), [Oneya Fennell Okuwobi](#)

Brothers and sisters of **Hispanic, Native American, Filipino, African American and Caucasian American ethnicities** cried together, laughed together, prayed together, dreamed together, and had serious conversations together about hurts, racism, separation and unity in the Body of Christ, and about how our own local church might become more welcoming and embracing of our very diverse community.

In addition to forging new relationships (and strengthening existing ones) with each other, and becoming educated and enlightened ourselves, the study ended with most of the participants **praying about how they might start a similar study group with others in the church, and everyone contributed to a list of practical suggestions** we are bringing to the church leadership for prayerful consideration.





Missions Trip to The Oasis

As you know from previous communication, the Lord has led us to put together a **small team** from our church to go **serve at the refugee ministry in Austria** that Vicki and I helped start in 1987. The Lord has already provided about half of the finances we need! Thank you for your prayers for us as we prepare our hearts, minds, and relationships.

If the Lord would lead you to invest in this opportunity, you can make a tax-deductible donation to "As Is Church" with an indication it is for the Missions Trip Offering. You can mail to:

As Is Church

6828 SE Holgate Blvd
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If you would like to ask any clarifying questions, please don't hesitate to do



Married to Jesus!

I (Scott) am currently facilitating a 7-week class on marriage, using Francis and Lisa Chan's book "You and Me Forever". The class was open to anyone (married or single). One of the things I really like about the book is its emphasis on each partner making sure their relationship with God is healthy and developing. **It is much more "God-focused" than "couples-focused".**

After a Gospel presentation in class this week, one of the single participants (only at the church for a month, divorced, and wanting "to get it right" next time) understood for the first time what it meant to trust in Jesus for her eternal life. **She stayed afterward to tell me, with tears streaming down her cheeks, how she had decided to trust in Jesus and receive His gift of eternal relationship with him.**

so.

Thanks for praying for her continued growth in Jesus!

PRAYER REQUESTS

* In our last update we talked about **our beloved 73-year-old refugee friend from Sudan, Mr. Ali**. Much has happened since then but (briefly) he had to go back to Athens to continue his chemotherapy. Two very generous partners offered to help pay for me to visit him which I will do soon. Additionally, I hope to visit **our former Greek landlady/Greek mother who is in the hospital, facing her final days**. Please pray I will be a faithful and effective messenger of the love and hope in Christ. And **thank you for praying for these two dear ones and their families**.

* Scott recently joined the **Elders Team** at our church. With fear and trembling he is taking this role in partnership with very special people, with whom he is honored to serve. Thank you for praying for Scott and all the elders to serve in wisdom, love, and unity.





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