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An update from **theBeebes**

serving with GCM through h2o at Bowling Green State University



Sometimes God makes it extremely clear where He desires you to be in the future – the path is obvious. Other times (quite often, from my experience), He shows you exactly what you need when you need it (and not a minute before). Jill and I find ourselves waiting at this time for a clear direction, but want to share where we think we are headed and how that impacts our ministry with GCM and h2o.

Our Recent Graduate

I (Mark) am excited to share that I am now the possessor of a Master of Business Administration degree with a specialization in Accounting. What does that mean? ... I am looking for a job!

Over the past year and a half, I have discovered the abundance of directions this degree could take me. My heart overall is strongest in serving others and I feel that I can do that best through the accounting field. Whether that is serving in an accounting firm in the long run or back with a Christian non-profit organization is up to God! Both of these directions greatly involve serving people and making a difference. Regardless, I desire to serve in 'ministry' (which I have learned can take on many forms).

To begin, I would love to be working with an accounting firm in an auditing position to gain experience and credibility. Coming into graduate study, the opportunities upon graduation were expected to be plentiful. Unfortunately, that is not the case today and I continue to seek the position God is holding for me.

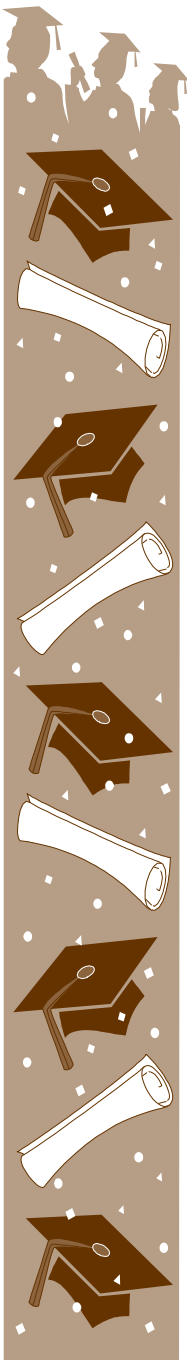
Transitions

How does my job search affect our involvement with GCM and h2o? ... A little, but not tremendously (yet). Jill and I will continue to stay involved with h2o in Bowling Green for the short-term. We are still excited about h2o and the opportunities to see the lives of students changed. At the same time, it is quite possible that we will move on from Bowling Green based on the location of my job.

Presently with GCM, I will be transitioning to a position as a recognized volunteer (what GCM calls "Associate Staff") so that I can focus on the job search and fully transition out of my h2o responsibilities. Meanwhile, Jill will maintain her position at 30 hours per week – mainly with duties that are transferable to any location (graphic design and administration) – until I find a full-time job.

Jill's Future

Even if we do move on from Bowling Green, Jill hopes to continue serving part-time with GCM into the future focusing on her graphic design and administrative skills. Through this transition process, God has opened up a couple of potential opportunities for Jill to serve more on a regional basis which she is really excited about. And, this would afford us the freedom to live anywhere in the Midwest with her still serving with GCM and supporting h2o.



Ignite 2009

December was certainly a busy month for us: Ben turned two, Mark graduated, we celebrated Christmas with both of our families, and we attended a huge GCM conference called *Ignite*. Every other year GCM hosts an *Ignite* event between Christmas and New Year's, bringing together fourteen of the GCM college churches for three days of worship, testimonies, teachings and (of course) fun! h2o, Bowling Green, brought about 50 students and staff to the event, held this year in Columbus, Ohio. The over-all theme was "igniting" students hearts for evangelism—in a hope to reach out to our campuses in new ways. It was certainly a whirlwind of a weekend. And, we know that many of our students left the conference with a renewed thirst to impact our own campus at BGSU through h2o.



Prayer Requests

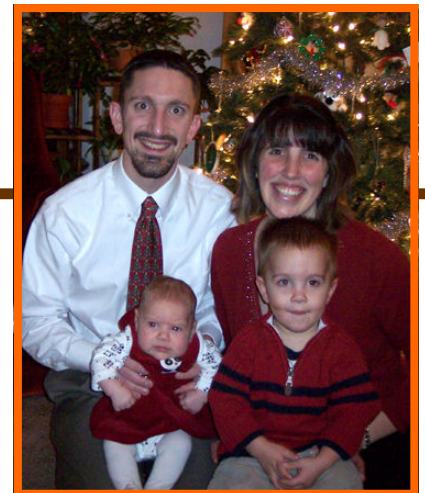
As you can imagine, this time of waiting has been extremely trying and confusing. Attempting to make appropriate family decisions (can we live temporarily on Jill's salary?, what should we do with our house?, where should we look for jobs?, is this *really* what God wants?) while maintaining a healthy family and focus on God has been challenging for us. We are excited for whatever God has in store and trust that He will lead us forward.

At this point in time, our financial needs have decreased only slightly with GCM and (as you can tell) we still cherish your prayers.

- **Please pray for God to make clearer the path that He wants us on; including job openings for Mark.**
- **Please pray for the continued health of our young family amidst continued transitions.**
- **Please pray for Jill's new job opportunities with regional GCM churches.**

Update on the Ali and Aaron Marsh:

Many of you have asked about the Marsh's. The quick update is that they decided to move back to the Cleveland area to live with Ali's parents while Aaron began chemo and radiation treatments for his brain tumor at Cleveland Clinic in late December. Right now they are holding strong and have a great faith that God will provide for all their needs in this time of trial. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



Thank you so much for your continued support of GCM and our ministry at h2o. Some of you have been with us for eight years now and we are so thankful and feel so blessed. It is an honor to serve for and with you.

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