

PRAISE AND PRAYER GUIDE HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 2023



IN HIS STEPS MINISTRIES

*"...Nor do we know what to do,
but our yes are upon You."
II Chronicles 20:12*

"GENERAL PRAYER REQUESTS"

- * For continued direction and provisions for IHS.
- * For wisdom and safety for IHS staff, students, parents, and board.
- * For additional resources needed for salaries, operational needs and camp development.
- * For the right staff, interns, and volunteers to serve with IHS.
- * That God will save many through the youth detention centers, sports ministry, and other IHS ministries.
- * That God will direct IHS in strategic long-term succession planning.
- * For the right personnel for IHS Christian Camp.
- * For continued guidance and provision for the development of the IHS Christian Camp.

"PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING"

- * For continued open doors for IHS ministries.
- * For God's protecting the Mister Family while in a hit and run accident.
- * For the salvation of one IHS parent.
- * For God's provision for IHS for over 28 years.
- * For Dr. Pillows serving as advisor for S.P.A.S.E. Program.
- * For Belhaven University and Mississippi College students serving with IHS.
- * For Dr. Juanita Sims-Doty and "I Can" mentors serving IHS S.P.A.S.E. students.
- * For generous IHS supporters.



IHS S.P.A.S.E. Student Praying

"SPOTTING GOD"

We all face many twists and turns in life. When we focus on our problems, however, the things we encounter seem manageable, leaving us dizzy and heading toward a disastrous fall. The Bible reminds us that if we keep our minds steadfast, or focused, on God, He'll keep us in "perfect peace" (Isaiah 26:3). Perfect peace means that no matter how many turns life takes, we can remain calm, assured that God will be with us through our problems and trials. He's the "Rock eternal" (Isaiah 26:4) - the ultimate "spot" to fix our eyes on—because His promises never change.

May we keep our eyes on Him as we go through each day, going to Him in prayer and studying His promises in the Scriptures. May we rely on God our eternal Rock, to help us move gracefully through all of life.

-Kimya Loder

"PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE CHURCH"

- * For greater unity and outreach in local churches in Canton.
- * That the church will be more attentive to demonstrate and proclaim Christ love.
- * That Christians will desire God's will above anything else.
- * That Christians will exemplify love toward one another and their neighbors.
- * That the Church will be a place of healing and reconciliation in this divided world.

*"Cast all your anxiety on Him
because He cares for you."
1 Peter 5:7*

"PRAY FOR IHS SPECIAL NEEDS"

- * God inspired and called individuals to fill the following positions.
 1. Social Media and Communication Specialist
 2. S.P.A.S.E. Program Coordinator
 3. Camp Coordinator.
 4. People to succeed current staff.
- * For families needing God's comfort and intervention (*Walker, Robinson, Johnston, Arcemont, Primos, and Milam*).
- * For safety and God's touch for J. Taylor.

*"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."
1 John 5:14*

"PRAY FOR IHS STAFF BY NAME"

- * For Annie Allen, Dorothy Brown, Christin Howard, Charles Drane, Willie Bunch, Louis Smith, Sophie Abuzeid, Carolyn Bacon, and Jasper Bacon.

"PRAY FOR IHS MINISTRY INITIATIVES"

- * **For the good progress on the development of the IHS Agape Christian Camp.** The vision for the camp is to create engaging camping and outreach opportunity for youth and adults to hear the gospel and grow through the Christian camp experience.
- * **For the development of Agape Training Center for Relational Health.** The center will offer workshops and curriculum covering areas of marriage, family, parenting, race related issues, and other pertinent relational skills.
- * **For Next Level Ministry to Young adult men.** The goal is to reach young adult men for Christ and help them reach their fullest potential. These would include men who already know Rev. Bacon through his 30 years of chaplaincy and coaching at Canton Public High School. This will prove to be a very important and widespread ministry.
- * **For evangelistic outreach and prayer walks** in Red Bud Park, Rogers Park, Saw Mill Quarters, Northgate Subdivision, and East Academy neighborhoods on June 19 and 24.
- * **For short-term mission teams to serve Canton.** [Grace Community Church (June 24-30), Orthodox Congregational Church of Lanesville (July 8-18), Crossway Community Church (July 22-29)]
- * **For Wheaton College students to serve Canton.** [Honey Rock Gap students (Feb. 21-Mar. 2); Wheaton College Football Team (Mar. 5-12)]

MINISTRY QUOTE

The primary desire of In His Steps is to use this ministry to build people, not people to build this ministry.

"PRAY FOR IHS SPORTS MINISTRY"

- * For continued wisdom, direction, and safety for IHS sports director, Christin Howard.
- * For the salvation of many Canton athletes and others being served.
- * For continued growth of sports ministry in the local schools.
- * For more interns and workers.
- * For athletes in the sports ministry. (Thomassavian, Ephriem, JaeKwan, Ashton, Trey, Devarious, Montravious, Curtis, Nicholas, Tamarcus, Shemar, Jadarrius, Jaylan, Jeremy, and Jeremiah)

IN HIS STEPS COMPASSION STORE



IHS parent training workshop for Compassion Store recipients

Each year in December we hold a "Compassion Store" before Christmas for local parents and families to purchase gifts for their children. The Compassion Store began in 2016 in an effort to make affordable gifts accessible to local families in the Canton community. **It is called the Compassion Store because its purpose is to demonstrate the Biblical principle of compassion and generosity.** At the Compassion Store, many of the toys and items are sold at a 75% discount. This allows local parents to afford quality gifts for their families for Christmas. Parents are able to submit a wish-list beforehand of what they'd like to purchase for their children. **At IHS, we strive to help families become self-sufficient while maintaining their dignity.**

Many of the items sold at the Compassion Store are provided through our ministry partners at local churches (Ridgecrest, Baptist, Broadmoor Baptist, and Madison Heights Presbyterian). **In 2022 we served 40 children and 17 families. We were also able to serve two local homeless families.**

The Compassion Store is a two-day event where we also provide

parenting workshops and classes. As the Compassion Store is a branch of our already existing ministries, we use it as an opportunity to serve IHS families and others in the community. The workshops cover a variety of topics relating to parenting and family life. Oftentimes, the workshop topics are need-based. Parents

are welcome to present topics they'd like to discuss.

We would like to thank the many volunteers and supporters who helped to make this Compassion Store possible! Each year we are blown away by the support and we are grateful for the Lord's continued faithfulness. At IHS, community outreach is an important element of our ministry in learning about and addressing the needs of families in the community. **We are able to share the gospel and evangelize with local parents through this outreach and impact their lives with the Lord's life-giving love.**

We're always open to partnering with new churches and individuals, **If you or your organization would be interested in participating, please contact Carolyn Bacon cbacon@inhissteps.org.** If you are interested in learning more about what IHS does, please visit our website at www.inhissteps.org. We look forward to seeing what the Lord will do next!

"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."
I John 3:17-18