



# Herbert Herald

## September

### Spiritual retreat: Peace Makers

To be apart of God's kingdom is to be a peacemaker amongst your brothers. That was the focus of our spiritual retreat, conflict resolution. This is to be applied in our mission team here in Arlington, but also to be carried forward into our lives as disciples of Christ. I am not the only one who fears the tension amongst brothers who disagree these days, and we will continue to feel the animosity until we can find it in ourselves to put Christ first in our actions, and in turn our brothers.

September was a month where I began to feel more comfortable in my role as an apprentice. Our ministry has taken on a familiar tone that boosts my confidence in who I am and what I am doing. The mindset of, "who am I to be here?" would occasionally circle my thoughts as we served and took positions of leadership in the college group. A trivial thought when I considered Paul's charge in 1 Timothy 4:12

"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith, and purity. Holman Christian Standard Bible Let no one despise your youth; instead, you should be an example to the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." I am not a random guy trying to come in and pretend to be a worker of Christ, I am a servant who seeks to glorify God. And I am prayerfully learning. On the second page there is a poem by Edgar A. Guest. He talks about the power of faith in action, learning by example, and guiding rather than telling. One thing that I have learned about college ministry is that you have to meet them where they are, seek the lost in the storm. God has called out to the lost and hurt and has given a message of love and hope to His people. We are charged to bring it faithfully. Like Paul in Athens, we are bringing the gospel to their lives, applying it to their context. Making it come alive and sharing how we strive to live. In the college group we have gained a few more members outside of the original group. They came looking for connection and relationship with fellow believers and we are welcoming them with open arms. Some don't share our beliefs but we are okay with that right now because we know how hard it is to feel isolated and alone. Those who have come do have their own relationship with Jesus, my focus is solely to develop that into a deep love for our God. I will share what I believe and respectfully hear what they have to share as well. I am genuinely curious how they came to faith and would like to learn their stories. If they ask why I believe what I do, then I will share mine as well. But right now the best that we can do is share genuine love and give them a welcoming place to feel like they are wanted, because in Christ we are all wanted. This segment reads a little like a lesson but I hope it was encouraging.

### Prayers:

Please continue to pray for my cousin, Davilynn Armenta. She was shot recently and is still undergoing recovery. There is still large amounts of pain that are slowing the process down. This is very difficult for my family and I ask that you keep this in your prayer.

My classmates have almost all made it to their fields, but one team is still struggling to get their visas accepted. The Brazil team has waited a long time and even lost a teammate when he decided he could not wait any longer. Their spirits are still mostly high but it is definitely something that weighs on your heart.



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“I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;  
 I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.  
 The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,  
 Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;  
 And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their  
 creeds,  
 For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.  
 I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;  
 I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may  
 run.

And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,  
 But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;  
 For I might misunderstand you and the high advise you give,  
 But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.  
 When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind.  
 When a weaker brother stumbles and a strong man stays behind  
 Just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in me  
 To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.  
 And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today  
 Is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way.  
 One good man teaches many, men believe what they behold;  
 One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.  
 Who stands with men of honor learns to hold his honor dear,



Above: on Thursdays we have taken to setting up tables on campus. This is just a time of outreach so that the students can see us face to face instead of just pictures on social media. On this particular day we promoted the food pantry by handing out boxes of snacks. No sane college students can refuse free snacks. While we had their attention we explained about the Tri C's food pantry and how it was for all students. we encouraged them to spread the word about it to anyone in need. The response was pretty positive, many appreciated how it was a blessing to so many, and we even ran into some of the students who were already coming. Word got around quick and we had a few groups pass by after they heard we were giving snack boxes to everyone. This day was my personal favorite because of the smiles we got.



We are still volunteering at the foodbank. I've been “promoted” (we don't have any official positions) to the pick up and delivery role. During the foodbank hours I ride the trucks that pick up donations from the local grocery stores. James and I have two stops on our route. Being in the back of a grocery store is weird, but I quickly learned that absolutely no one will ask who you are and why you're there. Basically I am a ninja and I am undetectable. I should make a t-shirt for that. “NINJA FOR THE LORD” or “FOOD BANK NINJA” I'll work out the details later...



Still loving my field and still growing I God. The work will never be done until Jesus comes, so why should I keep going? Because He first loved me and gave it all so that I might have it all. Thank you for your continued support in love and prayers. Allowing me to be in the role that was given. I pray that my team continues to find Christ in each other and those around us. AIMing to serve...



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