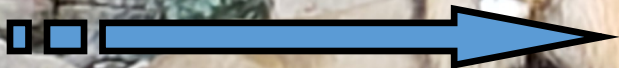




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## The work in Arlington

### Prayers:

My sister and her husband are expecting their first child soon! Please pray for them and the child that will they will have!

Out of the teams from my class there are three that haven't been able to arrive on their fields yet. Keep them in your prayers as well please, the waiting period before you finally get there is long enough in normal times.

Lastly, pray for the two AIMers leaving Arlington at the end of the month. They are saying goodbye and beginning the next chapter of their lives. One will go home to Ohio to finish college and work on more ministry there, the other will stay in Arlington at the college and study nursing, also working with the college ministry.



Slowly but surely, that seems to be the motto. We finished our quarantine and began to work on what we could, helping the community and the church as best we could. Our first few Sundays



we jumped right in to help with greeting and passing out prepacked communion. Services are still going and we are even talking about starting class soon. Masks are required at all times in the building to comply with safety guidelines. Services seem almost normal, and I need a little more normal right now. I do miss my family, I miss the friends that I made in AIM, I'm still trying to adjust to life here and it takes time. But I'm really hopeful, especially as we spend more time with the team that was already here. The team from the year before us is set to leave at the beginning of August. Seeing them reminisce about their field time helps me to see the promise of what we are hoping to achieve here. Connectivity. Building relationships is a powerful tool to share the gospel, if it is by our fruit that people will know us as followers of Christ then we need to put ourselves where we can share our lives. We serve the community with a food pantry run by the Churches of Christ in the area called Hearts and Hands. Every Tuesday and Friday we help out anyway that we can around the building. Our main focus is to pray with those we serve, spending time to ask about their lives and see how we can help with prayer. Many times we are praying for the hurtful things of this world, but every now and then there will be someone who uplifts us as well. In the picture above we are prepping small bags of dry goods, separating them by weight into brown bags to pass out. All of the bags have a stamp with information from the food bank. Our goal is simply to help anyway we can and let them know that God loves them and so do we. The people at the food bank are mostly elderly who can volunteer their time. They are full of smiles and crack jokes the whole time, and they definitely are not afraid to crack a joke or two about each other. I really enjoy working there.

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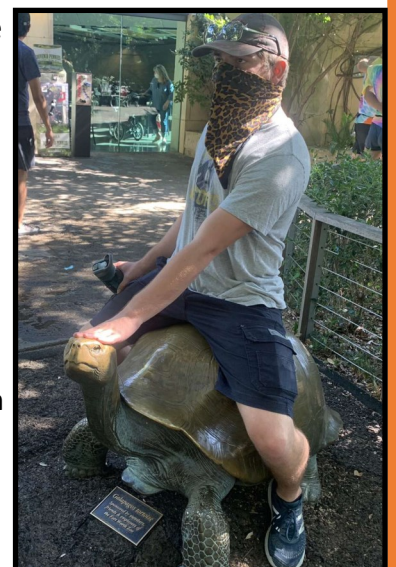


**Above:** If I remember my animals correctly, this is a Gharial. It's a species of crocodile that is distinguished by its thin snout. This guy just floated around the tank with a couple of fish and some chill turtles. I called him Steve, he seemed like a Steve.

We took a trip to the Fort Worth Zoo with the previous team, just getting out and getting fresh air. To simply get out and smell fresh air was a great blessing. We were all excited to see the different animals and even gave some of them names. They had placed bronze statues of different animals around at random points. They had a Tortoise, a Komodo Dragon, and a mini Kangaroo. Of course, I took a picture of me riding all of them! And to match the occasion I wore my cheetah print bandanna as a mask. We wanted to beat the heat and the crowds so we arrived early in the morning when it first opened but even then it was pretty hot for me (I'm still getting used to it). But even getting there early we couldn't see the whole place before we left for lunch. I think that my favorite place was the bird cage, we could walk in and hang out with the parakeets and Parrots. They even sold popsicle sticks with bird seed on them to attract the little guys to you! I got one and spent my time with the stick in my mouth hoping they would hop on it for a cool picture... no takers. But they did eat off of it.



With the Campus Ministry, the desire and plan is to split our week and give them half our time. We are mostly talking about online outreach with platforms like Zoom for virtual worship nights, and Social media as a way to reach people who may be locked away in their dorms and following social distance guidelines. The idea is to get them connected to feel apart of something, isolation is the silent killer on a college campus. You are surrounded by thousands of people but still feel alone and separated from peoples lives. Our mission this year is "To Walk alongside them on their Journey with God" that is the Tri C's Mission Statement and it rings true even now. In August we will have official training for the specific mindset we have to have with the pandemic.



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