

What does a promotion look like in a kingdom where greatness is achieved by becoming less (Mark 10:42-45, Matthew 11:11)? At an informal ceremony on December 3, 2016, during our

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Our family has accepted an invitation to help with a church plant in a nearby town. We will miss our current church, but we are happy that they are healthy enough to send us out to advance the gospel in another community where the vast majority of people have no knowledge of who Christ is or the good news about what He has done for us.

Kim has begun a new job that is closer to home and uses some of what she is learning in the master's program she started in August. She is enjoying her first week and excited about the opportunity for relationships as she now works in an office with other people. Elsa is continuing to grow in personality, size, skills, and independence. Please pray that God will give us wisdom to deal well with the ups and downs of toddler independence.

One of the things that sets The Navigators apart from many other Christian organizations is their focus on "spiritual generations of laborers." For me, this means that most of my effort goes into training and praying for our younger staff and student leaders. I want them to get experience reaching the next generation—helping them to know Christ, walk with Him, and do the same for their friends. The concept is easy enough to teach, but experiencing the opportunity to help someone come to Christ and be transformed by His gospel creates a passion that often lasts for a lifetime.

To advance the gospel of Jesus and His kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of laborers living and discipling among the lost
- The Navigator Calling

Dillan (EDGE staff) and Jordan (a senior student) are two of the most committed guys I know in their sincere walk with Christ. I love asking in our weekly meetings, "What is God teaching you lately?" These guys almost always have a great answer. However, they have both struggled to find guys to pour into. I have been praying for a long time that God would give them guys to pour into. God has begun to answer that prayer by bringing around a freshman student that He is drawing to Himself. This student was seeking spiritual answers so intensely that he was referred to our group by non-Christian faculty. He has been a regular attendee at our Nav Nights and Jordan's Bible study, as well as meeting one-on-one with Dillan and Jordan. Please pray with me that God will use Dillan and Jordan to bring this student to faith in Christ.

You can be a significant part of helping Dillan, Jordan, and others grow in Christ and learn to lead their friends to Christ through your prayers and financial support. As a Nav Rep, I will be responsible for raising a larger budget. This includes funds for running the campus ministry and funds for an increased salary that better reflects a career in ministry. Would you join me in asking God to provide an additional \$2,500 per month? Will you prayerfully consider helping to answer that prayer by beginning or increasing a monthly gift or through a special year-end gift?

Last year, God used year-end giving to pull my account out of a large deficit and increased monthly giving to keep my account in the black through 2016. God has fulfilled His promise to supply all of my needs. I look forward to seeing how He will continue to fulfill this promise for you and me. I couldn't do this ministry full time without your support and that of others like you.

And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- Philippians 4:19

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In Christ,

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