

Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builder is useless. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. It is useless for you to work so hard from early in the morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to His loved ones. Psalm 127:1-2 (NLT)

### **Trinkets: That Trunk in the Corner of the Attic**

This is my first newsletter as "RevAPK." I have a diploma that says I have been conferred with the degree of "Master of Divinity in Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth," from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I also have a certificate that says I have been "solemnly and publicly set apart and ordained to the work of the gospel ministry" by Lakeview Baptist Church. It's hard to believe that this 3-year internship program has come to a close.

Currently, my resume has been sent to numerous churches and pastors in order to help me locate a ministry position. Due to the manner in which pastors network and communicate ministry needs and resumes of those qualified for positions, there is no way for me to know how many churches may be looking at my resume at this time. However, I do know that at least one church is currently considering me for a position, although I do not know where in the selection process they are at this time.

I continue to look for more places to send my resume. I also am following up with the churches I know are considering me. There's not much more I can do at this time, but I am doing what I can. Please continue to pray for me as I wait for God to lead me to my next ministry assignment.

### **Et Moi: Personal Comments**

This interim time has been quite interesting. I sold my trailer, so most of my stuff is in storage. I am greatly indebted to a close friend who is allowing me to stay with him until I find a ministry position. Additionally, since my internship is officially over, many of my financial supporters have ceased sending support. The church has authorized us to continue our support-based ministry through the end of August, so you can still feel free to send support, but please do not feel obligated.

Although I continue to work hard with my current research projects and ministry activities, not having

### **BuildingChurch: Equipping for Ministry**

The end seems anticlimactic when you do not have a new place to go. Right now, I am still on staff at Lakeview, helping with all of the special summer activities. I helped with Youth Camp and Vacation Bible School this month. Additionally, I fill in gaps in the staff as needed when staff members are on vacations, sabbatical, mission trips, etc. I will be helping with *Mission Montgomery* in July.

I continue to do reading and research related to "equipping the saints" for ministry throughout the church, and also related to leadership and church growth. I am also continuing to do research in order to expand the *Find Your Place* curriculum.

This month God also gave me another confirmation of His call on my life as an equipper for ministry. One of the guys I have invested a great deal of time discipling found a summer job as a youth pastor intern. As he has gained some experience in the ministry, he has begun to seriously wonder if this isn't what God has really called him to do with his life. This means that approximately half of the people I have specifically invested in are either working toward vocational ministry or missions. Many others are healthy, active members in local churches.

school work has given me some time to nurture a fresh relationship with God. Additionally, I have begun to dive into the pile of "want-to-read" books that have been stacking up over the past three years.

Although this time could have become "down time," I have chosen to make it a time of refreshing, renewal, and rebuilding. God continues to do amazing things to prepare me to do His work. Please join me in prayer as we wait for His place and His timing for the next chapter!

God bless!

  
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