

Ratio Christi

Update #23 3-14-26



We bought a minivan! We're all ready for the baby now 🚗👶

Hi Marc,

February was a busy and exciting month, and March is even more so. It was great seeing so many of you in Minnesota last month! It was a great trip and I'm thankful for all the opportunities I had to share the vision for this ministry, catch up with old friends, and do some ice fishing. Since getting back, here are a few key updates:

- Pregnancy is going well and she has an induction date of March 18th, so he'll be here next week 😊😊
- I completed my first 8-week class this semester focused on the historical and philosophical defense for the resurrection of Jesus, and this past week has been spring break.
- On Monday my next 8-week class starts, which focuses on the inspiration, authority, and reliability of the Bible, plus examine how we got the Bible and difficult passages with supposed contradictions or inaccuracies.
- The Ratio Christi student chapter at Houston Christian University has kept growing this year and has great momentum. God is doing some amazing things in and through these students here and overseas, and I'm excited to see how God continues to do so and to play an active role in it moving forward.
- Today I took the kids to a trampoline park and found myself in a trampoline dodgeball game vs 10 kids under 10 years old, and I'm happy to report that I completely dominated the tournament. This is irrelevant for this newsletter, but I just needed to brag about it to someone...

Support raising update & request:

We're currently at 44% of our total monthly/annual support goal, so we're making steady progress but there's still a ways to go before I can start working full-time with students. Please pray for continued provision and that we can reach full support within the next few months. As a snapshot, here are some fun stats since starting this journey:

- 156 meetings with individuals and groups sharing our ministry vision over Zoom, phone, or in-person.
- 451 phone calls.
- 1432 texts, emails, and Facebook messages.
- 54 monthly/annual financial partners, with 19 more pending confirmation.

We have some buffer in our staff account from our launch fund, but while working toward our monthly goal there has naturally been a monthly deficit, so that buffer is starting to get low. In light of this need, I'd like to ask you to pray about making a special one-time donation. If you're already financially partnering with us, there's of course no obligation and we're more than grateful for your generosity already, but if you do feel led to make an additional gift, you're welcome to do so. Many others of you won't feel led toward being a monthly or annual financial partner, and that's perfectly fine. If that's you, would you pray about making a one-time donation? Any gifts can be made online [here](#). Feel free to also call or text me at 218-780-6856 if you have any questions first.

Praises:

- Thank you for your encouragement, prayers, and support. We can't do this without you!
- Rachel and the baby are healthy.
- We got a great deal on the minivan. Some of you also donated extra toward it. Thank you.
- I was able to share our vision for this ministry with over 200 people in MN between individuals, small groups, and churches.

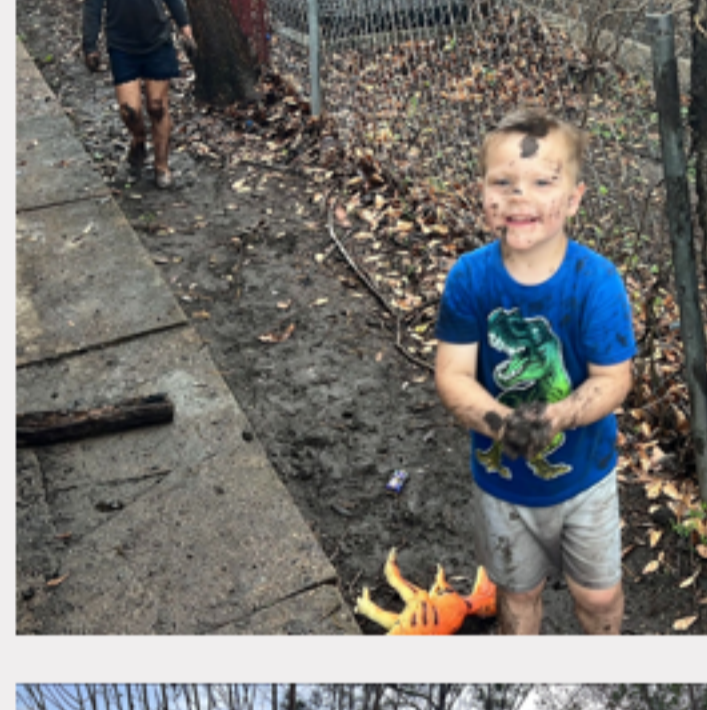
Prayer Requests:

- For a safe baby delivery and that we'd trust God in any circumstances.
- That we can reach full support within 3-4 months.
- Energy and perseverance these next few months with a newborn, school, and support raising.
- For continued wisdom raising and homeschooling Ivy and Luke.

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Top: students and staff from our local chapter of Ratio Christi went to Nairobi, Kenya for spring break and ministering with the Kenyan Ratio Christi team. God is doing some exciting things through our international ministry there and in other countries.
Middle: I'm a sucker for memes, so I hope this makes you laugh as much as it made me laugh 😂 The kids love playing in the mud after the rain...can't say I can blame them!
Bottom: with springtime and rising temperatures, the critters are back out and Ivy is having a blast catching lizards, toads, and snakes again, and Luke is practicing climbing trees wherever he can.



Check out this 4-minute video from the president of Ratio Christi sharing more about the "why," in case you find it helpful.

What am I reading lately?

Current & Recently Finished:

- Psalms & Matthew
- [Can We Trust the Gospels?](#) by Peter J. Williams.
- [The Pursuit of Power: Europe 1815-1914](#) by Richard J. Evans (Audible).
- [Paul Meets Muhammad: A Christian-Muslim Debate on the Resurrection](#) by Mike Licona.
- [Hitler, the Germans, and the Final Solution](#) by Ian Kershaw (Audible).

YouTubers, Podcasters, & Etc. I follow

- [Exploring the Bible and Quran](#)
- [Wes Huff](#)
- [Gavin Ortlund](#)
- [Michael Jones](#)
- [Biblical World Podcast](#)
- [Islam Critiqued](#)
- [Apostate Prophet](#)
- [Mike Licona](#)
- [David Wood](#)
- [Al Fadi](#)
- [Mike Winger](#)
- [Ancient Egypt and the Bible](#)
- [Michael Heiser](#)
- [The Bible Project](#)
- [Exploring My Strange Bible](#)
- [Sean McDowell](#)
- [Ruslan KD](#)
- [Cultish](#)
- [Craig Keener](#)
- [Melissa Dougherty](#)
- [Carmen Joy Imes](#)
- [Unbelievable?](#)
- [NT Wright](#)
- [Working for the Word](#)
- [The Bible \(Unmuted\)](#)
- [Tovia Singer](#)
- [Blogging Theology](#)
- [Zakir Naik](#)
- [Shabir Ally](#)
- [Muslim Central](#)