

# Discipleship House Internship

November - December

My second and final newsletter.



This year has been challenging to many of us but God has proven Himself faithful, true, and present. He has continued to lavish His blessings on us and give us unique opportunities to incarnate His love to those around us. God has continued filling this house with many people in pursuit of Him. For that we are eternally grateful.

## Pandemic Blessings

Due to the rise of the coronavirus around us, the Discipleship House cancelled regular in person events for the month of December. Nathan posted a video to the Discipleship House facebook page, commissioning us to take this time as an opportunity to minister to our families, which is perhaps our most important ministry. Though there may have been disappointment and sadness in not being able to gather together, we were reminded to “rejoice in the opportunity to minister to our families, and spend as much of that time as we can with them, praising God for our ability to do that”. This brought much needed personal family time to the Gilbert family and to my family.

This also gave us the opportunity to meet with more people individually, as well as to share meals with small groups of people.



### C.R.O.S.S. Conference

On December 29th and 30th, the Discipleship House hosted the CROSS Conference live stream. A small group of ten people gathered together to consider the most loving cause in the universe: making the name of Jesus known in every corner of the world. As well as to consider how we can make our lives count and make His name known. Over the two days, we heard from David Platt, Tripp Lee, John Piper, Kevin DeYoung, Wayne Chen, and others from all over the world.

Throughout the conference we studied, in depth, the Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:1-13. I think it is safe to say that for many of us, God opened our eyes and shone a new light on the often over spoken prayer.

In David Platt's words, these two days were like drinking from a fire hydrant. I thank God for the resources and opportunity to take part in this conference, and to even take part in hosting it, as intern. :)

**“Don't waste your pandemic. Don't waste your suffering. Don't waste your life. Make it count by hallowing His name.” John Piper**



(September 2, 2020 The day I “got the job”)

## Internship Summary

Many times we go into mission trips, serving opportunities, or just everyday life with the mindset that we are going to bless others with our service and love (recognizing that we love and serve because He first loved us), but in turn we are actually the ones being blessed.

This internship has been just that.

From creating/hosting events, preparing meals, assisting in the ministry’s schedule, serving the Gilbert family and everything in between, these past 3 months have been filled with lessons learned, a deepening of faith, relationships grown closer in the love of Christ, laughter, and so much more.

This unique position has allowed me to see more of the selflessness, love, and devotion that Nathan and Kim have for this ministry. And has reminded me of the importance of rest and time alone with God. Like someone once told me, you can’t pour out if you are empty. This job allowed me to get that rest in strategic ways and help enable our leaders to do so as well.

To be introduced to this role by my dear friend Natalie Hahn **and** work for and alongside two great mentors and friends of mine, Kim and Nathan Gilbert, has been nothing short of an incredible experience and is something I still don’t have words for.

## Projections for 2021

Summer and Winter interns  
Spring and Fall Retreat  
4 local Sports Camps  
4 Mission Trips

Schedule to come soon!

## Weekly Activities

We will be resuming in person worship on Monday nights, along with continuing in person leadership study on Sunday nights. We will soon pick Tuesday night study back up with a study through the book, Master Plan of Evangelism, led by Natalie Hahn.

## Upcoming Schedule:

**March 19th-21:** [2021 Spring Retreat](#)

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## Prayers and Praises

- Newlyweds, Caleb and Jane Cantwell as they start their new life together. They will be residing in the Discipleship House basement.
- Endurance for the D-House core and board as the non-profit continues to grow.
- The Gilbert Family; unity and growth as they continue to share their lives and live out the gospel.
  - Guidance as we begin to make the 2021 summer schedule.

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To Nathan, Kim, Natalie, board members, and all those in this great community, thank you. Thank you for your endless prayers, encouragement, and support.

My prayer as I leave this roll is the prayer Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus [Ephesians 3:14-21](#):

That according to the riches of His glory He may grant us to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in our inner beings, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith—that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.