

The Crawford Family

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." 1 John 4:16

I want to tell you the story of how God encountered my friend and brother, Gerrad. About three months ago I started working at Nucleus CoShare, a workspace for small businesses and entrepreneurs. Within the first two weeks of working there I met two young Christian men, Chris and Joe, and we began praying together on a weekly basis. Since beginning work in the Oregon District—where Nucleus is located—I knew that God had a desire to bring His light into the dark. It was from His heart being imparted to me that I felt stirred to give our prayer group the expectation to see everyone at the Nucleus saved within a year.

As we began to pray weekly God put it on the heart of my brother, Joe, to pray for the man he shares an office with—Gerrad. Joe felt that he was going through a tough time and that we needed to pray for him. And we did, a lot. We began to pray and love on Gerrad with the love of Christ. It didn't take long before God was giving me opportunities to pray over him. After a few weeks, I invited Gerrad to come over for dinner with my family.

If you know my daughter you know that she loves Jesus and she loves to color and every once in a while she loves to color what Jesus shows her. Well she knew that one of daddy's friends from work was coming over for dinner. So, as she does for everyone, she colored a picture for "daddy's friend". But this picture was different, it was from God and there is no doubt about it. Anna knew it and had Keirsten video call me and show me the picture. When I saw it I was shocked and as Keirsten explained it I was undone at the powerful message within the picture for Gerrad. To be honest, I was nervous about the picture. I knew that the picture would either speak volumes to Gerrad or it would hurt him. So, as a family we prayed the rest of the day that God would just love on Gerrad.

The evening came and we enjoyed our dinner with Gerrad and at the end Keirsten went and shyly gave her picture to Gerrad and explained what it meant. I watched Gerrad and saw that the picture took him back. I was completely uncertain of what he was thinking. Anna and Keirsten went to get ready for bed and Gerrad asked to step outside to just take it all in. When Gerrad came back inside we talked through several things and he shared that the night before he actually prayed—truly prayed for the first time in a long time—and asked God to show him if He was real. That night at our house Gerrad came to the full realization that Jesus was real and that Jesus loved him. We prayed and Gerrad came into the faith and it was a beautiful moment.

Over the last few weeks God has continued to grow Gerrad and the rest of us that meet together at Nucleus. He is growing us spiritually and in number. Just this week there were 6 of us praying for one another. It is amazing to see what God is doing through this amazing space. All I can say is that God's love is moving through those who let Him move through them. My friends, Chris and Joe, let God move through them in love and Gerrad was the recipient of a lot of that love. Now Gerrad, Joe, Chris and myself are continuing to let God love through us and we are seeing more of our co-workers begin to ask questions and see something different about us. All at the same time we are trying to love the darkness right out of the Oregon District. The initial thought that within a year everyone at Nucleus would be saved seemed like a far off dream but we've seen and experienced what God can do and now we expect it as a reality. Please pray with us that our coworkers would see and encounter the love of Jesus. May all of Nucleus be saved. May all in the Oregon District encounter His love!



Jacob and Gerrad at Nucleus CoShare



HELP US FEED OUR FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE THIS THANKSGIVING

Anna and I decided that we wanted to start a family tradition that would focus our family around serving others on the holidays. For the last two years we have helped provide meals to our local fire and police for Thanksgiving. This year we are taking it to the next level and we are going to prepare all the food and deliver it at lunch time on Thanksgiving! To do this we need your help! We need help finding volunteers to help prepare pre-cooked dishes that can be delivered to our house the day before Thanksgiving. Then we will also need help warming and delivering food on Thanksgiving Day. We believe this is a great opportunity to love on our community and invite you to join us in our family tradition.

Sign Up: JakeDCrawford.com/Thanksgiving or Contact Jacob - (937) 478-6494

2 Years of Prayer Downtown

Midway through November will be 2 years that we have been praying downtown in the Key Bank Tower—an amazing experience and opportunity that God has allowed us to be part of as we seek His heart in intercession over the city. Over the past two years we have seen so many prayers answered by movements that have swept through the area, such as the pro-life movement, Heart For the Next Generation, the Hope Over Heroin conferences, and many revival meetings. PrayDayton, as our prayer meetings are called, has stayed a place for focused

prayer for our city. It has also been a multi-generational, multi-racial and multi-denominational prayer meeting where we have been able to truly unite in prayer for the heart of God in our city. Please continue to pray with us on Tuesday's from 1pm-2pm wherever you are that God would have His way in Dayton, OH.



Help Us Get Refueled

Anna and I would like to take advantage of an opportunity to get recharged spiritually by attending OneThing 2015 in Kansas City. We look forward to refueling our passion and zeal for serving the Lord. Thankfully God has provided for half of our expenses if you would like to help please note your gift - "OneThing-Crawford"

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Online Giving - www.jakedcrawford.com

OneThing Trip - Make checks out to 'Dayton SHOP' and attach a note with '**Crawford - OneThing**' to designate the funds toward the trip.

Check - Make check out to 'Dayton SHOP' and attach post-it note with '**Crawford Family**' attached & mail to:

4114 Mapleview Dr.
Beavercreek, OH 45432

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Thank God for what He has done for Gerrad and that we all have a brother in Christ!
- Thank God for His continued faithful and provision. He has been a good Father to us as His children!
- Pray that God would continue to pour His love out on those in the Nucleus where Jacob is working. Pray that He and others praying with him would be the light in a dark place and that they would love others with the love of Christ.
- Pray that we would continue to know Jesus in a deeper way as a family. We want to know Jesus and His love in a greater way.
- Pray that our Thanksgiving Dinner would go well and all the food would be donated and that our First Responders would be safe and respected by our communities.