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ADVANCING THE GOSPEL

“I actually thought I had nothing else to offer.”

—Deborah Delaney,

Charis Charlotte second-year student

“My husband and I came to a crossroads that we could retire comfortably, and our lives would be meaningless . . . It didn’t taste right.”

—Teri Cole,

Charis Charlotte second-year student

Re-firing, not retiring.

The desire to contribute to something of value is common among Christians before coming to Charis Bible College. After going to a Charis Days event in Colorado, Teri recalls, “We determined, ‘Why do we sit here until we die? Our lives will begin again’. We’re not ending at seventy; we’re beginning at seventy.” Shortly afterward, she and her

husband enrolled at Charis Charlotte.

Deborah testifies about how Charis has impacted her life. “I had so many questions inside myself. And I will tell you that the Lord, through Charis, has answered so many questions through such in-depth teaching. Being in my sixties and starting over again, I’m *excited* about my future, because now I know I *do* have a future, and it’s a bright future in the Lord.”

Doing the work of an evangelist.

Now, in a time when the Gospel is needed perhaps more than ever before, there is great opportunity for the students of Charis Charlotte to advance. “We feel like

America needs the Gospel just as much as anywhere else,” says Y’vonne O’Brien, the administrator of Charis Charlotte. She and her husband, Grady, the Director of Charis Charlotte, have been equipping students for the work of the ministry for nearly fifteen years! Now these students are prepared to share the Gospel—and share the love of God by addressing needs. They’re starting with local communities. Grady acknowledges the giftings in his students, saying, “We have a fair amount of evangelists out of this group.” Look what first-year student Bonnie Bassinger had to say about one of their recent outreaches:

“We did street ministry where we went to uptown Charlotte. We had made chili-cheese dogs, and we divided up into groups,

and went into different areas. The group that I was with went to what's called Tent City, and it's one of the side streets at the edge of uptown. There are literally tents as far as you can see down both sides of the street. So, we were able to pass out hotdogs to some of our street friends there, have conversations with them, and talk to them about Jesus. A number of them already know the Lord, and they're just standing and believing for a home and, in a lot of cases, a job and healing in their bodies. So, we had lots of opportunities to pray with them."

Recently students attending the main campus in Woodland Park, Colorado, visited the Charlotte campus. Bonnie shares what happened when they joined her on another evangelistic outing. "We actually met one person who has been in jail nine or ten times. He struggles with drug addiction. And so, it was really interesting to see two of the students from Colorado just surround this young man and just love on him and share the love of Jesus with him and pray for his freedom and seeing him set free."

It was a wonderful experience."

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Mission trips take the shape that they need to in order to train leaders, transform lives, and impact nations. The same is true here, in America, where sometimes it's meeting the practical needs of people that have the biggest impact. "Mission trips are awesome because they're practical, boots-on-the-ground ministry," Y'vonne says. "You just come in and do whatever . . . Sometimes, that could be just cleaning. It could be helps, or things like painting a room, and just really saying we're here to do whatever."

The strategy works because it doesn't matter whether a student is gifted in evangelism; there is a place for him or her to bring the Gospel to those around them. "Everybody gets a chance to minister, instead of just watching somebody else minister."

Outreach at the beach.

God has led Charis Charlotte to minister to the people in Florida. "We have a relationship with a minister down there, who is a graduate of Charis: Jimbo Stockton," Y'vonne says.

"He has a hotel close to the beach that he has renovated and turned it into somewhat of a halfway house. He's doing discipleship there using Andrew's material, where they disciple men and women. People's lives are being changed *dramatically*. A lot of these people maybe were on the street, homeless, or came out of very dire situations. We're also going to go to Danon Winter's church: Momentum Church, and do some ministry with him. Grady went to Charis with him in Colorado, so we're going to do some outreach at the beach with him."

Thank you!

You are a major reason we are seeing fruit thrive through Charis Charlotte. Those who sow are just as important as those who reap, and we all rejoice together in the harvest (John 4:36-37). Thank you!

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