

APRIL-JULY NEWSLETTER

THE CASH CHRONICLES

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It's Been A While!

Sorry for the months of silence with newsletters, but fortunately we have gotten to see many of you in person! As you know we are now MARRIED woo hoo!! With our now combined newsletters, we want to make sure y'all still get to hear each of our hearts, so we've decided to both take some intentional space to talk about how we are doing, then share what we've been up to together. We hope you enjoy this new season and style of letters! It might not be like this every time, but the point is we want you to still hear from both of us

Wedding, Honeymoon, & lots of Moving

Hey everyone, Jaelee here! We were finally able to tie the knot June 28, 2024 & what an awesome day it was. I loved getting to spend the day with all my friends & family & just celebrate! After our wedding we headed to Vail, Colorado for a week for our honeymoon. We had some great time in the mountains & even hiked & white water rafted one day. We also just took some time to rest & breathe which I've come to realize is so important & I'm very grateful for that time! When we got back to Texas, we only had 3 short days to pack up before moving to Albuquerque. Now, we're going on our third month here & settling in as best we can. The studio we're living in still needs a little work but it's finally livable so we're doing our best to make it feel like home.



It's Beginning...

The school year has started!! We've had some great welcome back events & I've begun connecting well with some new faces, along with reconnecting to old friends. I try to get together with 2-3 people a week & that's been super cool! There's a good group of freshman girls that have been coming around & I've really enjoyed connecting with them. One girl named Mia told me that she plans on sticking around & being a part of our community because of how welcoming & inclusive we are. Praise God! It's always nice to hear that encouragement, especially from new comers, & it helps remind me that God is doing a good work in us! I am excited to keep furthering friendships with the 5 freshman girls I've met & to be a good example of Jesus to them. I also planning a monthly girls night in hopes of cultivating deeper relationships. Please be in prayer for me as I desire to be Jesus to these young ladies.



Life is Crazy!!! Since being married, Jaelee and I have been on the go! We finally moved into our house that we've been renovating, and currently still are renovating haha. It has been fun to make it our own but it has taken quite the toll on us trying to get rid of all of the ants and cockroaches. There are a lot more bugs in our house than I care to admit and one of the first nights Jaelee and I were in it we killed over 20! That night I was just getting so angry and after a while of being angry, a verse popped into my mind: James 1:2-4. It says, **"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."** Now I've heard this verse before and understood it and even gone through trials but I knew God was there with me in the heat of my anger that night because as I said this verse outloud under my breath I opened the Bible app and the verse of the day was the exact verse I had just quoted! NUTS, right?? Since that night, the problem hasn't gone away necessarily but I've had a lot more peace about it since I knew God saw me in my affliction. We are, in fact sealing the house as I write this letter and will soon be having our house sprayed, so we are very excited for that!

Now enough of that depresso espresso and onto COLLEGE MINISTRY! It has begun and I'm enthusiastic to say the least about meeting new people and beginning to be Jesus to them. A couple of things have happened and one was, we hosted a party at our friend's house, and we were able to make a lot of connections with the freshmen coming right out of the youth group and from that I have been blessed to begin studying with two of them! They are already familiar with the Bible but I believe they haven't really been discipled so I'm trying to just bless them with wisdom and discretion that has been passed down to me through some of my mentors! Also, we have become pretty good friends with several international students (2 from Japan and roughly 5 from Spain) and they have been coming to every event we have invited them to, including Wednesday night worship! I'm super excited to use my Spanish with the spaniards and also just spread Jesus to these guys! One of the main reasons I felt called to college ministry is because I wanted to be more evangelistic and God is definitely giving us some opportunities!

Campus Life!

So now, what have we been involved with on campus!? Well school has been going on for a couple weeks now and we've had some good events to kick off the year! We did multiple days of tabling, which means days that are set aside for student organizations, clubs, and programs, to set up a table that displays what they are so students can get involved. We told people about things like our Wednesday night worships (which we will be going through the Gospel of Luke this semester), our free Thursday lunches each week just for connecting and hanging out, and simply our aim to be a welcoming community that demonstrates the love of Jesus as we challenge each other, grow together, and live life with one another.

We've both been connecting with individuals on a weekly basis and it's really great to see those friendships develop. A cool experience we had was taking a couple of our Japanese students to a store called the Talin Market. The Talin Market is an international food store where every aisle has foods from a different country/city. We got to the Tokyo aisle and Kazuya and Izuru's eyes lit up. I know it definitely made them feel good to be able to get a little taste of home and when I asked Kazuya what he thought about the market he looked at us with big eyes and a huge smile and said "this place is a paradise!" It's a simple thing but we hope we can keep blessing people in small ways!



SUPPORT REQUEST

HELLO FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

WE HOPE Y'ALL ARE DOING WELL AND STAYING HEALTHY! NOW THAT WE HAVE MOVED TO ALBUQUERQUE AND SOMEWHAT SETTLED DOWN, WE'VE GOTTEN A LITTLE TIME TO CHECK UP ON OUR FINANCES. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE NOT REACHED OUR GOAL OF BEING FULLY SUPPORTED EACH MONTH. JUST TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY, OUR BUDGET PER MONTH IS \$4,050. THIS INCLUDES THINGS LIKE TAXES, RENT, GROCERIES, HOSPITALITY, GAS, TRIPS/TRAVEL, INSURANCE, MISC., ETC... WE WILL BOTH BE EMPLOYED AS THE "CAMPUS EVANGELISTS" FOR THE CHRISTIAN STUDENT CENTER AND WILL BE GETTING PAID A COMBINED \$1,500 A MONTH FROM OUR EMPLOYMENT THERE. WITH THE CURRENT MONTHLY SUPPORT COMING IN, WE ARE RECEIVING ANYWHERE BETWEEN \$2,000-\$2,300. THIS LEAVES US WITH ABOUT \$500 THAT WE STILL NEED TO RAISE PER MONTH TO REACH OUR SUPPORT GOAL, WHICH I'SNT MUCH!!

SO, WE ASK YOU HUMBLY, THAT IF YOU ARE WILLING, THAT YOU WOULD PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING US AS WE BEGIN THIS NEW JOURNEY OF MINISTRY TOGETHER. ANY AMOUNT BIG OR SMALL, ALSO PRAYERS & ENCOURAGEMENT, ARE WELCOME & APPRECIATED! IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTNERING WITH US IN, HERE IS THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW :) YOU CAN SEND CHECKS OR CASH TO
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ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87112 - JUST MAKE SURE TO CLEARLY LABEL THE MONEY FOR MATTHEW & JAELEE CASH. IF YOU COULD ALSO REACH OUT TO ONE OF US TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE WANTING TO SUPPORT US THAT WOULD BE SUPER HELPFUL AS WELL SO WE CAN KEEP TRACK OF THINGS & MAKE SURE TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU!!



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Thank you