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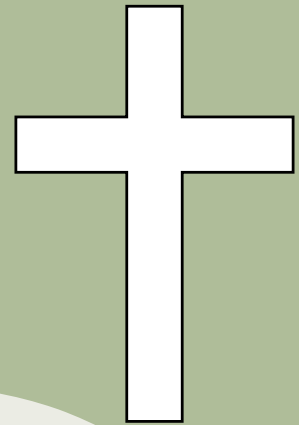
Hello family! I hope everyone had a happy April because I know I did! This is the time of year when Mike gets busy prepping for summer and I'm blessed that Caleb and I got to be involved. It was also a big month for the women's ministry and God sent some friends from Lubbock to Fort Worth and I was able to work with them for the day!



Starting with summer activities for the teens, I have been busy on Mondays and Thursdays. The last week in March and the first couple in April were spent driving up and down the streets of Arlington looking out for houses that we can repaint for Arlington work camp. We looked for houses made of wood, and that were owned not rented. I, with Mike, got to meet lots of interesting and lovely people when we asked them if they would let us paint their houses. It was also a great opportunity for quality time with Mike and Caleb which I am grateful for. With my field time finishing up in August, I'm savoring all the small happy moments spent with the team.



Besides Arlington work camp the big focus of summer is camp! Mike invited Caleb and me to sit in and participate in a planning meeting for camp that was really beneficial. Four or five other youth ministers that are going to camp with us were there and everyone talked about what they liked last year, what they wanted to change, any worries, stuff like that. All of the ministers also worked together to make a video talking to the kids about what to expect this year and it was fun to walk around the campgrounds and talk with everyone.



“Be1” is an event that a year worth of planning was put into. Hosted and created by Woodland West's very own Leshia Norwood “Be1” is a woman's event that was created to encourage and inspire unity within church bodies and across church bodies. It was Friday night and the first half of Saturday. There were two key point speakers, lots of singing, everything was translated into Spanish for anyone who needed it, and the incredible testimony of how a single mother and her daughter found Christ and healed their broken relationship (I cried a little bit) The event had lots of different vendors, yummy food, and the men of the church volunteered to serve us and I thought that was very sweet.

You can find photos and videos on their Instagram page:
[be1_experince](https://www.instagram.com/be1_experince)



Most recently I was blessed to work with a church in fort worth to reach people in the surrounding community. The church body was hosting a group whose focus is to travel and teach congregations how to start gospel conversations through door-knocking. It was definitely out of my comfort zone but I felt braver because I was with some friends from Sunset who traveled to participate. I got to reconnect with Tristan (who worked as an AIMer at woodland west before I did), Carson (who was my AIM assistant while I was in Lubbock), and with Grace and Jaxon (they were in my AIM class). They split us into small teams and gave each group a street or two and sent us on our way. My experience was overall positive but not super fruitful; of course, God often works in ways that are hidden from us until we get to Heaven, so someone could have been touched by our words or love and started seeking Christ on their own. The first thing we did when someone answered the door was introduce ourselves and offer prayer if they wanted it. Most people respectfully declined or weren't home but after every house our group prayed for the family anyway and I think that was my favorite part.

I can give more detailed recounts of anything you find in this letter and I'm happy to answer any questions about my work or time. If anyone is moved to write a letter back please address it to Tabby Hyland and send it to the woodland west church building; my apartment doesn't have an effective mail system. Of course, my phone number is also available to everyone (214-824-8479) and my email is tabbyh0704@gmail.com. Please keep my mission and heart in your prayers as I continue to work in Arlington. Much much love to everyone :) :)