

MAC News

Leading Men to Seek and Live a Life of Significance

**September 1,
2005**
**MAC Ministries
is up and
running!**



James, Liam and Mary Emmalyn MacPherson at the North GA Fair.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING!

Praise be to our Father for his continued faithfulness in providing counsel, patience, endurance, support, grace, and love to us as we do our best to serve Him. I thank God for each of you who have made themselves available to be used by God to equip this ministry with the needed provisions to get us launched.

Specifically, I want to thank Highland Commercial Bank for their infinite generosity for providing me a home for my office. The bank is located at the intersection of Dallas Highway and Barrett Parkway, next to Pikes Nursery. Please stop by and visit anytime.

In September, Liam and Pat had the opportunity to join members of Highland Commercial Bank for a barbeque to raise funds for MUST Ministries. Congratulations to Highland Commercial Bank for raising over \$5000 for victims of Hurricane Katrina!

Men Abiding in Christ Ministries in Action-

- Pat's # 1 priority is setting support raising appointments to sustain the monthly operating expenses.
- In between, Pat continues to meet with men one-on-one to further their relationship with Jesus Christ. Through prayer, discipling, bible study and the opportunity to share faith stories, men continue to know what it means to "abide in Christ."
- During the weekend of October 1-2, Pat organized a retreat for the men of First Presbyterian Church of Marietta. Forty-five men had the opportunity to get away to explore what keeps them from a fulfilling relationship with Jesus Christ.

I also want to thank my former employer Hewitt Associates, LLC and my former team. The support and encouragement they have given over the past six months has been an integral part of my transition. The encouragement from my boss over the past year has been a blessing. She was instrumental in helping me discern this calling that I have received. Please continue to pray for my Hewitt team as they strive to deliver a successful Annual Enrollment this Fall.

Again, I give thanks to the Creator for the blessings that he is giving through this ministry. I humbly ask to be transparent for Him as I work to fulfill this personal commission that he has given.

....Pat

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

I keep getting asked where the name originated....so here it is.

Once the Board was created in January, 2005, the board members had started referring to the ministry as MacPherson Ministries....mostly from an initial chain email amongst ourselves that had a subject line of MacPherson Ministries. Needless to say, I was not comfortable with this name and the pressure to provide a new name became a priority.

One evening, back in February (2005), Bridget and I were visiting with Spencer and Missy Lundgaard. We were

discussing the ministry and I was sharing with him the need to find a name. In true Spencer fashion, he asked me to define the mission of the ministry in 10 words or less. My response was, "to help men abide in Christ." Spencer, already attracted to the name MacPherson Ministries, responded Men Abiding in Christ Ministries....and after a moment of silence....proclaimed M.A.C. Ministries.

Spencer and Missy - thank you for donating the name and the continued support of this calling.

"In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me." St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:12b-13

A NOTE FROM BRIDGET...

Oh to have St. Paul's faith and confidence! This is my prayer request from you. It is so easy for me to get sucked into the world, depending on the ways of the world for my strength and validation. How easy it is when I live in times of comfort to profess my faith and complete dependence on God. In times of struggle and test, I confess that the Lord is not the first person I turn to!

I want to encourage all of you who support this ministry through your prayers and financial support to take ownership of the call that God has placed on your heart. Men Abiding in Christ Ministries is not just Pat's new job or the work of the Board of Advisors. God has charged these men with a specific purpose to build His kingdom here on earth. Through your support, you too have answered God's call to bring men to a closer relationship where they can know what it means to "abide in Christ." In all of this, do not forget that it is God who gives us the strength for everything.

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MAC MINISTRIES IS CALLED TO SERVE GOD BY:

- *Discipling men one-on-one to change the world for Christ one heart at a time.*
- *Launching and developing men's small groups to grow men into disciples for Christ.*
- *Help churches build sustainable men's ministries, enabling leaders to reach all of their men for Christ.*

JOIN US IN PRAYER:

- *That God will provide opportunities for me to be used by churches for this cause.*
- *That God will lead me to those people and organizations that desire to support MAC Ministries.*
- *Pray that my one-on-one discipling and other relationship opportunities continue to grow.*
- *Please help us by praying that God provides me an opportunity to gain further training.*

Mailing Label

GOD AT WORK THROUGH MAC MINISTRIES

Like most of us, we only occasionally stop and take time to reflect on our spiritual relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, I was not even occasionally stopping to spend those precious moments. I was too busy chasing a quarterly sales number to really feel His presence. How in the world would I squeeze in time for God given my daily routine of family, work, etc.?

I think it all started as a child when I thought attending mass on Sunday for 1 hour/week would make all right with the world...because an hour is a lot of time. Boy was I wrong!

And now as an adult, invitations to speak with Pat about my religious experiences went unaccepted. I made excuse after excuse to not meet Pat MacPherson

for breakfast, coffee, or any other event. What was I so afraid of? Would my ignorance be exposed? Was I too scared to look at that "man in the mirror"?

It seems like just yesterday that Pat and I met for our first of many Tuesday morning cups of coffee. Pat's power, persistence, and persuasion have turned my life around in a few short years. I can only smile as I write this column given my new relationship with God. I am a better father, husband, and overall person and it's a direct result of Pat MacPherson. If you haven't spent even 15 minutes with Pat to feel God's existence on earth, I strongly encourage you to pick up the phone and arrange that same coffee meeting I had 2 years ago. It's changed my life. Thanks Pat.

- Andrew Somoza

FINANCIAL GOALS TO SUPPORT MAC MINISTRIES

By September 1, 2005:
How awesome God is! Thank you for helping us meet our goal to be able to launch this ministry.

"In man's economy this is unbelievable. But in God's economy this is business as usual. This is truly from God's hand."

By January 1, 2006:
We ask for your continued prayers and support. By January 1, we need pledged commitments to meet 100% of our monthly operating expenses. As of October 1, we are able to meet 30% of our monthly expenses.