

Coming Soon to a Staff Worker Near You...

May 13-19

Basileia week 1: Our year end chapter camp. Week 1 is the week that Skidmore will attend. We're praying for 10 students to come. I'll be working with the leadership team in the Servant Leaders track to pray and plan for next year.

May 20-26

Basileia week 2: During week 2, I will be directing a track called "Engaging God's World." It's designed to help students to be disciples in all areas of their lives.

June 7-10

Eastern NY team meeting: A time for reflection, review, and planning for our staff team (as well as some time to enjoy our relationship as a staff family).

June 29-July 6

NISET: Another IV acronym—it stands for National Institute for Staff Education and Training. Held in Madison, WI, this is one of our opportunities as staff to become students for a week. I hope to audit a seminary course entitled "Evangelizing the Post-Modern Generations."

Financial Update

This year has been an excellent year in terms of financial support. As most of you know, in previous years I worked on a reduced salary, always hoping that "next year will be the year I'm fully funded." Thanks to your generosity and faithful support, this year was the first year in which I was able to be paid my full salary. It has been a huge blessing to get paid for *all* the work I do, and not just most of it.

Even though support has increased significantly this year, the support that has come in has not fully matched the need for this year. If giving continues at current levels, about \$44,700 will be given by year end (June

30th). My budget for the year is \$49,284. I therefore anticipate ending the year with a

\$4,500 deficit. I believe that this \$4,500 will come in, and this will be the year that I am fully funded for the first time. We serve a faithful God, and He has always provided through you, my faithful partners, to meet the needs that exist in this ministry.

At this time, that need happens to be \$4,500. Would you consider giving a generous one-time gift to cover the year-end deficit?

(For more financial info., see back...)

Q: What is the amount needed in additional one-time gifts to end this year in the black?

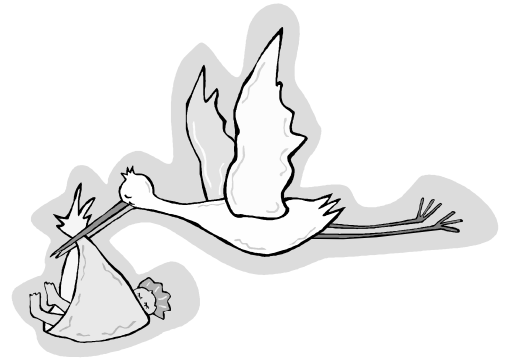
A: \$4,500

Please consider a one-time gift to help meet this need.

Baby News and Hard Decisions

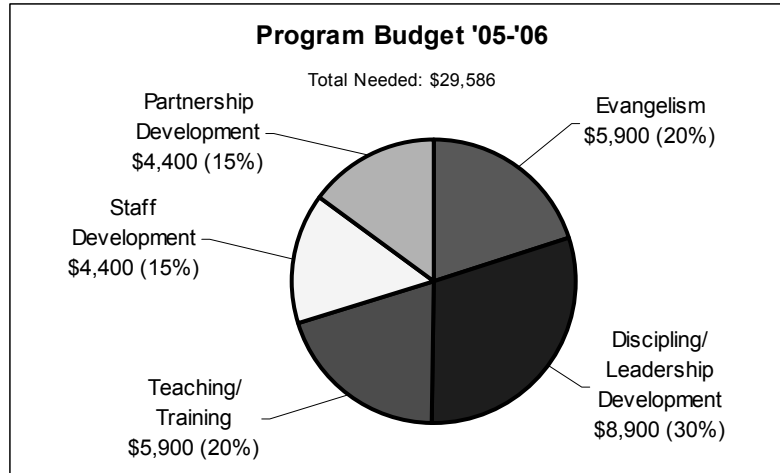
Pregnancy has become much more exciting for me as my belly begins to expand (one of the only times in a woman's life that it's good to get fat!) and my nausea subsides. Parents and baby are all doing well and looking forward to the upcoming excitement and changes. I was supposed to have my ultrasound this week, so I would have been able to tell you all whether we're expecting a girl or a boy, and share with you a blurry photo that resembles a baby (or a black and white alien), but the doctor rescheduled me for next week. So, I guess you'll have to wonder with me for a while longer.

With the coming baby come many life changes, including work changes. After much prayer and consideration, we've decided that what's best for our family is for me to work part-time. Rather than divide a 20-hr./week schedule between two campuses, I've decided to continue with my current commitment at Skidmore, and to step back from the work at Union altogether. Though this was a hard decision, I believe it was made with the Lord's leading. I trust that He has a plan for both campuses, and that this is the way He's working it out for His glory. Of course, IV will be looking to fill the position at Union as soon as possible. Please pray with me for the right staff and volunteers to come in. And please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have about this decision and what it means for me, for the students, and for you as partners in this ministry.



Financial Needs for 2005-2006

With the decision to go part-time comes a smaller budget, though the need is still great. My salary has been halved, but the cost of doing ministry (phone calls, travel, office costs, training, student retreats, etc.) remains similar to what it was. The budget for this year is \$29,586, or \$2,465 a month (see budget below, broken up by how I spend my time). Will you continue to partner with me to meet the financial need for the coming year?



Next Steps For Donors and Would-Be Donors

For All Current Donors and Potential Donors:

- I will be full-time and on both campuses through the end of June. Please continue to give at the level you committed to for the 04-05 fiscal year through the end of June.
- Please consider giving a one-time gift to help relieve the anticipated \$4,500 year-end deficit.
- Please use the enclosed card to communicate your intentions to me for next year's support (or you can just email me). Even if your intentions are to continue giving at the same level, I need to know that information. My part-time salary for next year cannot be determined without financial commitments from my partners.

For Union Donors:

- If you would like to continue to support the ministry specifically at Union, you can do so by simply crossing out my name on the enclosed envelope, and writing in "staff at Union College." This money will be made available to the next staff that comes to Union. The more support the fellowship is receiving, the easier it will be to bring a new staff person on. Please communicate to me whether or not you would like to continue receiving news about the ministry at Skidmore as well.

For Skidmore Donors:

- I expect that these changes will only serve to enhance the ministry at Skidmore, with all my work time being focused on one campus. Now would be a great time to consider beginning your support of the ministry at Skidmore, or increasing your support, to meet the \$29,586 need for next year.

Please Pray

Pray for **Basileia**, that the students we serve would have space to hear from God, that they'd grow deeply in their relationships with Him, and that they'd have renewed vision and passion for His work on campus. Pray for 10 students to attend from Skidmore.

Pray for new staff and/or volunteer(s) at **Union**. Pray that God would raise up the right person or people. Pray for my remaining time there, that I would help to prepare the student leaders well for the work that lies ahead in the fall.

Praise God for the increase in **financial support** that we've seen this year. Pray that the \$4,500 deficit would be met, and that we would meet the full \$29,586 budget for next year.

Pray for **Jeremy and me**, as we continue to prepare for parenthood.

Praise God for the work He's doing at Skidmore and Union! Both groups are doing excellent work in **building bridges** to the community around them. Pray that these efforts would bear fruit, and that people would know Christ through us.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The Lord has used you this year to bless and encourage both me and the students we serve. May you experience deep joy as you continue to faithfully participate in God's work at Skidmore and Union!
With joy and gratitude,
Danielle