

Single Ladies Missionary Retreat Athens, Greece



Jinotega, Nicaragua

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the aroma of Christ

For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.
2 Corinthians 2:15-16

Freshly baked bread. Lemons. Rain. Flowers. Cut grass. Pizza. Brownies. Clean laundry. Mountain air. Bacon. All smells that greet my senses with joy and life. However, I can make another list of aromas that aren't so pleasant. Aromas that bring doubt and death to mind.

After traveling the last month, I have smelled so many different scents. But the most enjoyable of all was seeing believers that are striving to make a difference! I saw that at Grandad's funeral with friends driving 5 hours to be present. I smelled the difference in Nicaragua with Christians trying to be the light. Immediately, I tasted the aroma of hope surrounded by sisters who are also on the mission field at the ladies retreat. We represented thirteen different countries. Their encouragement and dedication is an inspiration! I sniffed life spending time with my parents. They are hard workers and love people diligently.

Now my challenge remains, how I am going to spread the aroma of Christ? I pray that this next month God's joy is what people smell in me. What will your aroma be?

Thank you for the sweet aromas you are in my life! I could not do this alone, and I am so grateful to have you all in my corner!



Gerald W. Price

Oh my. October began with the funeral of my dear grandfather. It was a day I was not prepared for. While I am happy he's waiting at Heaven's gates, I sure do miss his laugh at the breakfast table. He was a great man who unashamedly followed Jesus. Grandad wanted to make sure everyone knew how important it was to have a relationship with God. He was humble and loving and knew how to make a room laugh! Thank you friends and family for standing by my family and me. It was a blessing to have such great company during those days of a new normal.



I had the opportunity to spend a week in Greece at the Single Ladies Missionary Retreat. One of the best moments was standing around this post (left picture) in Corinth. This spot is where Paul was judged by Galeo in Acts 18. The Jews were persecuting him for preaching the true gospel. Nearly 2000 years later, we stood there singing and praying for God's word to continue to be spread through us and missionaries all over the globe. Incredible.

Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.
Acts 18:9-10



These sweet girls continue to amaze me! We had a sleepover with a short lesson, but then spent more time praying and talking about questions they had about their faith. It is so inspiring to listen to them share and ask questions. God is moving in their hearts and mine!



Prayer Requests:

- Endurance: I've found that recently I've been worn out spiritually and mentally. After guidance from wise mentors, I am trying to stay focused on the truth and rest in healthy ways.
- Unity: Oneness of mind is important to leading a group. Asking for prayers for our youth group especially.
- Boldness: for myself and others to speak the truth with love.
- Truth: I have a few friends who are dealing with lots of doubt and negativity. Please join me in praying they find truth and hope!



Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29