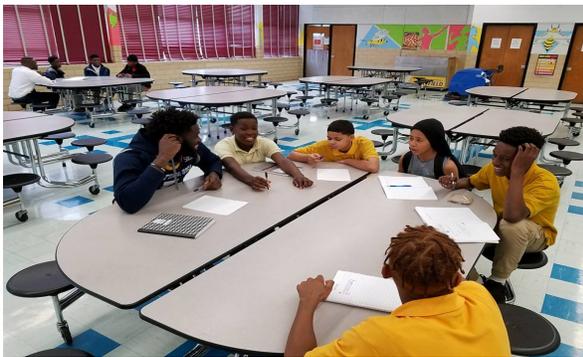


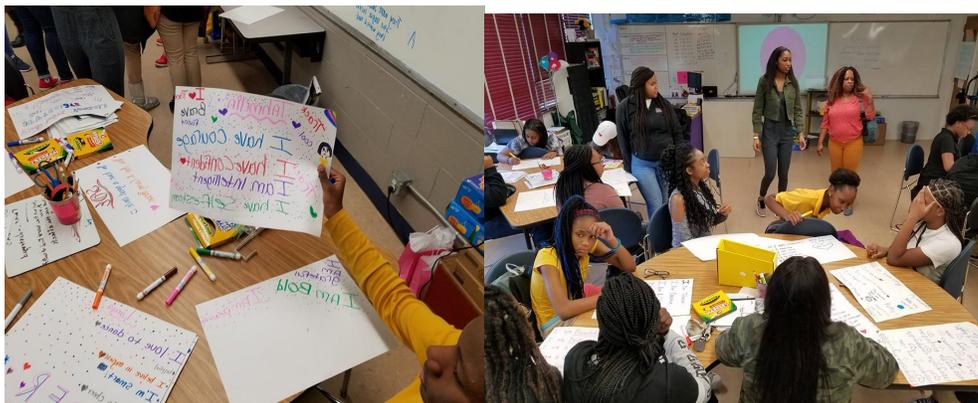
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Spring 2018 prayer letter

First semester of **Middle-school** Discipleship Courses



(RARE male discipleship courses)

With your contribution, we created and launch our male and female discipleship courses in Orchard Knob middle-school this semester. Our student leaders consistently met and led our supplemental programs every Friday during regular scheduled class time. We had at least twenty middle-school students to attend each class. The purpose of the program is to help our at-risk youth apply biblical values in their everyday life. Our young ladies discussed body shaming and hygiene in which each participant left with a prepared care package. Our young men dealt with issues of anger and home life in which we help them redirect their frustrations towards each other to a heavy-bag located in the gym.



(SHINE female discipleship courses)

Students interacting with scripture better!!!

Because of our mission in the city our college students can understand the scriptures better. For instance, we discussed the prodigal son and the far country he retreated to and students could not only see themselves within the text but also create a ministry that could reach the prodigal and transform the far country he was attracted to. Each lesson this semester dealt with the individual and the culture that has shaped the individuals' values. I also started discipling over twenty unreached African-American male college students this semester. We discussed everything from trap music (drug-related hip-hop music) to marijuana and alcohol addictions. They also openly expressed their frustrations with church and God but through our consistent interactions they were able to see the difference between the Jesus of scripture and a negative church and life experience.

Racial Reconciliation conversation with the member of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian church



Our students were invited by Pastor Joe Novenson the senior pastor of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian church for dessert and a candid conversation about racism and cultural differences. My students really enjoyed the authenticity that was expressed by the members of Lookout Mountain concerning the topic. Each group left a broader perspective and understanding on how racism and cultural differences operate.

Praising God for a healthy Kayla

My wife and I could never thank you enough for praying for our daughter Kayla who endured a seven-hour surgery this past December. We were worried about the after effects of such a high-risk procedure which would usually require monthly visits to the hospital if after surgery complications accrued. We had a follow-up appointment in January and the operating surgeon was shocked by how

well Kayla was recovering and instead of monthly visits to Vanderbilt children's hospital her next scheduled appointment is January 2019!!!!