



RIDE FOR GOD MINISTRY

THE RUTHERFORDS

What's Been Going On?

December: We kicked off December with co-hosting an event at the CFL skatepark, an indoor skatepark nearby. It was a great opportunity to meet new skaters. It was really cool to be there representing our local church. We even have had a few attend our church through this event. We have built such a good connection with CFL, that the owner and their kids have started coming out periodically to our skate bible studies. They also have flyers and advertise what we are doing at their park.

After the event, our church park really started taking off. We have people coming out on a daily basis. We have even made relationships with a few of the older, 80s skater guys. We have had a few of the older pro skateboarders come out to the park. The really great thing is they all have left our park hearing the Gospel. Many still come back, and some have even started coming to our services.

At the end of December, we hosted the last skate event in Orlando for the year 2023. We had close to 80 people come out to it. We held 2 skate contests, one for the younger crowd and one for the older guys. It was full of excitement and everyone that came heard about Christ and why we do what we do for the skate community. The response has been very encouraging as some have asked what they can do to get involved with our mission.

January: January has been quite full of outreach. We have been really pouring a lot of time with building relationships in the community. We have been going out to host outreach events at the University of Central Florida campus. There are many skaters in the school. The UCF college has a skateboard club that meets every Tuesday night. We have been trying to make it a priority to be there during these times. We bring boards and products that some of the students might could use. We even bring some lights for them as it has been getting dark very early.

The Lord is blessing us with opportunities to serve our community and in turn is breaking walls down to have great discussions about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have a few that have started attending our skate services, that have tried other churches around, but they have told us that they have never felt this welcomed and loved as they have when they come to our church skate nights. I tell them that we love them, because Jesus loves us. He demonstrates what true love is and we want to mimic that to the people in the world.

Special needs coming up: We have many opportunities to do ministry internationally and so we will be needing funding for these trips. We have a trip that is being planned to go to Romania, Latvia and France this year. We will need help with cost

of travel, food and lodging. Some funds have already come in to get us to Romania. Funds are still needed for the other trips while there.

We also are in the process of planning a trip to Alaska to work in the Metlakatla with the Tsimshian tribe. They only have one ramp for the skaters in their town. We will need close to \$5,000 for that trip as we will be building a community skate park on behalf of the local Baptist church. This cost covers my travel and supplies needed to build the park. We want to be a blessing to the church as well as bring the community to Christ. The mayor has approved the project and is helping us and the pastor, with developing the location to build the park.



Praise Reports: We are 53% of our fully funded goal. Praise God. The skate ministry plant in Orlando is growing and moving forward. Pray the Lord keeps moving

Prayer needs: Pray for upcoming trips. Pray God sends more help for me and my family. Also just pray for my family, guidance, doors to open, strength to walk through them, ministry partners and safety as we are on the road. The kids the Lord has been bringing our way. More financial partners.

Financial needs: We are currently still seeking more financial partners. We thank each and every one that has supported us in our journey.

If you feel lead to give towards our ministry needs, please send checks to:

Calvary Baptist Church
ATTN: Ride For God
4606 Lake Margaret Dr,
Orlando, FL 32812

Current Monthly Offerings:

Expenses

	December	January		December	January
Calvary MBC, FL:	\$2,095	\$1,020	Salary:	\$1,200.55	\$1,200.55
Agape, Ladies Aux:	\$0	\$25			
Beulah BC, FL:	\$50	\$50	Gas & vehicle exp.:	\$189.30	\$317.55
Sheridan First Bap, IN:	\$200	\$0	Food:	\$296.55	\$204.14
Faith NLR, AR:	\$200	\$200	Hotels:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pauline BC, AR:	\$190.32	\$236.85	Ministry supplies:	\$1,521.71	\$569.97
Gant Lake MBC, FL:	\$250	\$250	Office supplies &		
Madison Ave MBC, MI:	\$75	\$75	Monthly subscriptions:	\$312.05	\$355.39
Pleasant Hill BC, TX:	\$200	\$200	Airfare:	\$47.96	\$185.97
Engerer Family:	\$75	\$75	Insurance:	\$503.78	\$460.13
Badina Family:	\$50	\$50	Taxes:	\$198.90	\$198.9
Liberty BC, FL:	\$100	\$100			
Sublett RD BC, TX:	\$50	\$50	Total expenses:	\$4,270.80	\$3,492.60
Hatley BC, MS:	\$50	\$50			
Eastside BC, FL:	\$100	\$100			
Summit BC, AR:	\$150	\$150			
Flowerfield MBC, MI:	\$100	\$100			
Nevill's Chapel MBC:	\$100	\$100			
Vesely Family:	\$50	\$50			
Story Church, AR:	\$200	\$200			
Horizon BC, TX :	\$200	\$200			
Krop Family:	\$100	\$0			
Grace BC, NJ:	\$200	\$200			
FBC Inwood, VA:	\$60	\$200			
FBC Green Valley:	\$0	\$500			
Total support:	\$4,880.32	\$4,081.85			

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