

ELEOS MINISTRIES SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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A SUMMER OF STRATEGY

Hello from Northeast Kansas City Missouri! As we write this update, we have a deep sense of gratitude to God for your partnership. In Philippians 4, Paul expresses his appreciation to the Philippians for their faithfulness in assisting him in ministry; he says that their gifts, encouragement, and involvement are "...a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God." Your sacrifice to the Lord through Eleos allows us to continue to work toward reaching the homeless, addicted and trafficked along with the residents of Northeast.

By God's grace we continue to engage these neighborhoods for Christ through gospel conversations, prayer walks, Bible studies, internships, transportation, benevolence, basic-needs resources, one-on-one discipleship, and community events. One of the most encouraging parts of this year is that we've seen more people from the Eleos community step into ministry and leadership positions as they've grown in their relationship with God.

We hope you enjoy this update, and we hope to see you in the shop or at our up-coming Generosity Dinner on October 8th!

Blessings,

Dan Smith (Eleos Ministries Founder)

SUMMER INTERNS

Hear from one of our summer interns about his experience serving and learning in Northeast.

AMAZING GRACE

Wendy Smith gives an update on her battle with breast cancer and God's faithfulness through it.

FAITH, FOOD, FRIENDS

Eleos hosted three community lunches this summer with the help of area churches. Hear how they went and our future plans.

LEARNING A VARIABLE MINISTRY

When Morgan Drent learned he needed to do an internship for his college degree, his familiarity with Eleos led him to join our summer internship program. Although he knew what Eleos did, he was surprised by what the day-to-day ministry ended up looking like. "Ministry isn't always so clear cut. So, engaging in ministry that's super variable might look like helping someone at their house, or taking someone to the grocery store, or even just sitting down and having conversations with people. Engaging in all those different avenues is part of the internship and has been a lot of fun, and I've grown a lot through that experience."

Although a lot of the internship program involved meeting a variety of needs as they arose, some things were always on the schedule. Prayer walks, Bible study, and meetings with a mentor happened every week for our interns. "Prayer walks have been really neat to be a part of. Because I know the team I'm going with, and I see their heart for the kingdom of God and the mission of Eleos. There have been a couple cases where someone was waiting for the bus or on the street not really doing anything and wanted to hear more about Christ."

"This internship has definitely brought me out of what I would consider to be my comfort zone. I'm someone who likes to have things planned out, and I don't consider myself to be exceptional at meeting new people and jumping into conversation with people. But this internship has really showed me that it's not as difficult as it feels to jump into intentional Gospel conversations, even with random strangers." Morgan was able to meet with many men in the coffee shop and even led a few of our Bible Studies. His future plans include learning more about leadership in ministry and teaching the Bible to under-served peoples.



Eleos Ministries had three paid interns this summer. Leah Alvarado, Sarah Smith, and Morgan Drent were a vital asset to our team and will be greatly missed! We are so thankful for their sacrifices and God's provision in allowing us to have them.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT ELEOS

01 Buy Eleos Coffee

Order our fresh roasted coffee (now available in K-Cups!) for your home, church, or business.

02 Through Prayer

Keep the staff and ministry in your prayers as we serve in our difficult neighborhood.

03 Volunteer

We have opportunities to serve coming up for individuals or groups! Contact us if interested info@eleoscoffee.com

04 Give Monthly

Coffee sales only cover about 40% of our daily expenses. We rely on your faithful giving to keep serving!



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GOD'S GRACE THROUGH TRIALS

Wendy, wife of Eleos founder Dan Smith, was diagnosed with breast cancer last fall. She recently completed her 3rd and final surgery related to that diagnosis. She is now cancer-free, and is thankful for all the prayers and support that were offered on her behalf over these last months. Wendy is now working on Wednesday and Friday mornings behind the counter at Eleos, and has enjoyed being more involved in the ministry!



Even though there were difficult moments, overall I had a real peace before the surgeries and in recovery, knowing that God was with me and guiding my steps and my doctors.

-Wendy Smith



ELEOS TEAM PROFILE

Elliot Pjecha has been teaching Bible Study at Eleos for 6 years. He, his wife Vicky (our head roaster), and their dog Ollie, moved to Northeast in 2020. Elliot has recently joined our Board of Directors. His heart to serve the Lord and love for our community have been such a blessing to the ministry.

Special Interests: Writing, Board Games, Hiking, Software Development

Favorite Eleos Drink: Zoé Blend Coffee



COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

With the help of Life Connection Church, First Baptist in Grain Valley, and Community Bible Church, we were able to host three Community Lunches this summer. It was a time of fellowship, food, and awesome live music. Each of the churches also had two volunteers share their personal testimonies with those in attendance. It was a powerful and encouraging time! Thank you to the churches and volunteers who helped serve and share the Gospel in our neighborhood. We look forward to doing more again next year and are considering other possible locations.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Generosity Dinner will be on Saturday, October 8th. We hope you can join us! Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

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