



# ENEWS JUNE 2010

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## THE PERFECT PRAYER

If you've been reading your Unity Enews diligently (and I hope you do), you're familiar with one of our Pre-K students named Byron. Byron had a rough start to the school year, but with help from his teacher, Ms. Tisdale, and both of his parents, he really grew up. We even made up a new word in his honor. Everyone at Unity knows what it means to get "Byron-ized."

Byron had one final episode during the last week of school. He was upset for a little while, and Ms. Tisdale escorted him to my office to settle down. I didn't think it would take long, and it didn't. After a few minutes of sitting in my "special chair," I asked Byron if he was ready to go back to class.

"Yes, I'm ready," he replied.

"Then come over here so I can tie your shoes," I suggested. I just wanted to give him a little encouragement before he went back to his class. "Sit up on my lap for a minute."

"I was running around at recess, and my shoes came untied," Byron explained.

"That's OK," I said, as I tied his laces for him. "Do you want to have a prayer before you go back?"

"Yes."

"Do you want me to say the prayer, or do you want to say it?"

"I'll say it."

"Do you want me to hold your hand?"

"Yes."

"OK," I replied. When I was done tying laces, Byron and I held hands and bowed our heads together. I waited patiently until Byron drew a breath, and then started his prayer.

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Byron recited the entire Lord's Prayer, while sitting on my lap and holding my hands. It wasn't the prayer I expected, but it certainly was an excellent choice.

While in Pre-K this year, Byron did a lot of growing up. But he also learned about his Savior, Jesus. He learned the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, the 10 Commandments, and several Bible passages and Bible stories. He's registered for Kindergarten next year, and his learning will continue.

I praise God for Byron, for his teacher, for his parents, and for all of you. Through your generosity and commitment, Byron has had a great year. We've all been blessed, and we look forward to a relaxing summer.

## REV. DICKERSON ACCEPTS CALL

Rev. Aaron Dickerson, of East Point, Georgia, has accepted God's Call to be Grade Seven Teacher and Assistant Principal at Unity. Praise God! Rev. Dickerson and his wife, Charlene, will re-locate to the Metro East area in July. We look forward to receiving God's grace through Rev. Dickerson's ministry.

## BY THE NUMBERS

- Profit from the Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser on April 7 - \$168.47
- Profit from Boxtops for Education - \$195
- Profit from Ebay and Craglist Sales - \$400

If you have items to donate for our Ebay or Craigslist store, please contact us for pick up.

## ON OUR WEBSITE

Have you visited our website lately? You should! What you can find there:

- A Picture of our record-breaking Unity Track Team. Set 17 school records!
- A Prayer you can use to pray for our needs.
- A List of companies that provide matching funds.
- Our updated Wish List. Getting ready for next year! Many people ask what we need. Check out the Wish List!
- Directions to the school. Come by for a visit!

## ANNUAL FUND

As we close out the fiscal year, we find that our Annual Fund goal was not met. We have fallen over \$150,000 short of our needs. What to do? We continue to trust that God will provide for all of our needs. Unity is His mission, He must meet our needs. We'll keep praying and working. Our plan for funding the Unity mission is not necessarily His plan. So we wait to see how He will provide.

In the meantime, if you would like to make an additional donation, please send it to the school address above. Thanks!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Give thanks for another successful school year.
- Pray that the move to Unity will be a smooth transition for Rev. and Mrs. Dickerson.
- Pray that our major school improvements will go well this summer.
- Pray that God will provide for all of our needs.
- Pray that our classes will be full next year with students and teachers eager to learn about Jesus, and serve Him.

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