
ARIEL & CARLYE GOMES

October 2018 Update



Gone in a flash, to say the least...

It's hard to believe that the end of October has come, but here we are! The weather is slowly beginning to cool down, we were able to relax well over mid-term break (oh, and we're halfway through the first term!). We survived our first-ever parent/teacher conferences, which went incredibly well! Praise God for wonderful parents and students to work with. We have continued to pour into others through worship ministry, exercise ministry, and opening our home to share meals with students. At the end of this past month, we welcomed the Pollet family back to Senegal as they returned to BCS from France. We are grateful to God for bringing the Pollets here again after healing the mother from her battle with breast cancer. The Lord is good and His love endures forever!!

From Ariel...

These past few weeks have gone by very quickly. The more we get used to our routine, the more we realize how easy it is to become busy at BCS. Both our classes and after-school programs have been going really well. I've been leading a worship club for the musically-inclined kids, which has gone far better than I expected. The kids are quickly learning more about the philosophy and theology of worship, and incorporating that in their student-led worship events. We're also investing some time mentoring some individuals, and inviting them over for dinner in order to spend more time with groups of kids. This intentional time outside of the classroom has really helped us develop relationships with the kids in which we're able to invest and influence them.

From Carlye...

One of my favorite parts of being here over the past two months has been the relationships I've been able to form with the students. I was feeling sick the Wednesday before midterm break began, and my 4th and 5th graders wrote me cards saying that they missed me, were praying for me, and hoped I would feel better soon. They add so much light, love, and joy to my life! A few days later, one of my students stayed home from school because their dog had suddenly died that morning. We all wrote cards for her expressing how we empathize with her loss, and it was the best theology lecture I have ever "heard". Seeing these kids love others through simple actions such as making a card and expressing that, "I know how it feels," and "losing a dog is the worst," reminds me that love doesn't have to be complicated to be genuine, it just starts with doing *something*. I have also enjoyed treating my 4th and 5th graders to an ice cream party recently as a celebration of everyone memorizing all 5 of their memory verses for the first half-term! It is my prayer that the verses we have committed to memory together will stay with them for years to come.



Prayer Requests!

Thank you for continuing to faithfully uphold us in prayer. We are often reminded of the great blessing and joy it is that we aren't in this alone. We remain grateful for the gift of technology and of internet so that we can communicate our prayer needs, thoughts, joys, and struggles with you all!

- Praise God with us that we are forming lots of great relationships with the other staff members here, and that we have felt embraced by the BCS community in the midst of our transition.
- Praise God with us that we, our co-workers and students were able to have a much-needed rest during midterm break.
- Please continue to pray for our health. In particular, Carlye has been struggling with frequent feelings of dizziness and lightheadedness. We are thankful to have found a medicine that takes the edge off, but we are hopeful that the problems can be cured altogether.
- Please uphold us in prayer as we begin to discern what our next steps are. We want to be responsive and faithful to what the Lord is calling us to do.
- Please pray for Carlye as she is learning French, so that she can communicate with locals! Pray for a strong memory, quick language learning abilities, and fruitful ministry to be a result.
- Praise God that we have been given an opportunity to return to the United States for a few weeks next summer, and that we are beginning to fill our time in the US with exciting ministry opportunities.