

Dear Stonecroft Sister,

It is so hard to believe that Summer is already winding down. As much as I love the cooler temps of the Midwest Autumn, the season of BBQs and longer days passes too quickly. Much like my favorite movies, it feels like it's winding up right when it's getting good.

We tend to pivot back to our “regular rhythms” at home, at church, at work, in sports, in our neighborhood. Many communities celebrate “Back to School” or “Back to Church” as we embrace the next year. There are new volunteers, new teachers, new programs.

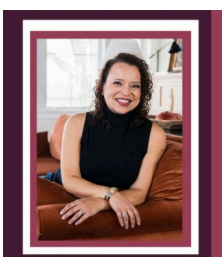
There are also new opportunities. And new people. Here at Stonecroft, we are constantly praying for God to keep our eyes open and our hearts sensitive to whomever He might be putting in our path. The young soccer mom sitting in the stands might need a word of encouragement. The college student sitting next to you on the subway might need your prayers. The doctor battling his own diagnosis needs to hear about the faithfulness of God.

However, some He puts in front of us are just wandering from the faith they once knew. God also desires for them to have a “Back to” season. He is always calling them back home.

If there is someone in your life you are praying “back home”, I am praying with you! I have my list too. The second half of James 5 is an encouragement. He is writing the early church not only about prayers for healing and forgiveness, but also for those that are wandering. Our fervent prayers go before a faithful and good heavenly Father for those we want to come back. That is His heart too.

Will you join me in this simple prayer in this season? Lord, please bring them back home.

Until the Nets are Full,
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