

# ♥ Foster Family Spotlight ♥

Written by, "Safe Children Coalition"



Senior Black Belt instructor

"Meet Karrie! She has been fostering for 2 years and has been a wonderful advocate to the children in her home. She currently is fostering a sibling group in addition to another child. What makes Karrie so great is that she is dedicated to ensuring that a child never feels "given up on." She is dedicated to maintaining the children in her home to prevent them from moving around. Karrie seeks out services, works with providers, shows unconditional devotion to the children in her home and continually ensures that all their needs are met and voices are heard. We truly appreciate Karrie for the commitment that she has made to children and families!"

Karrie began her Grace Martial Arts training at the age of ten. She is an elementary school teacher and one of the most outstanding instructors that I have had in my life. Karrie is devoted to investing in the students' eternal destinies, while helping them to reach their full psychomotor potential.

## PROFILES OF NEWLY PROMOTED GRACE MARTIAL ARTS BLACK BELT STUDENTS



Mya Johnson

Mya excels in school and is an excellent GMA student. She always is cheerful and is devoted to helping other students to grow in their personal skill abilities, confidence and discipline. She will become a senior instructor.



Xavier Early

Xavier began GMA classes at age 10 and struggled academically. He has graduated this year as valedictorian from the Calvary Chapel Christian School. He naturally encourages everyone and loves the Lord Jesus Christ.



Amanda Dyamond

At age 8, she began her GMA training at fast forward. For the past 5 years, she has helped me instruct the younger children. The Lord willing, I would like to equip Amanda with the ability to instruct her own GMA class.



Joshua Wells

My grandson, Joshua, now age 14, began his training at the age of 4. He is a good home-schooled student. I have been blessed to have his help teaching 2 weekly classes. It is a great joy for me to be able to pass this art and ministry onto an excellent student like Joshua.



Cameron Feikema

Gifted with exceptional athletic abilities, Cameron readily wins the trust and friendship with all students. He is part of a home-schooled family. He has 2 older brothers who, also, are excellent GMA black belts. Cameron is a teenager with strong Christian values.



Kenneth Raber

Ken is from a home-school Christian family. He has a brother and sister who, also, are GMA black belts. He is loved by everyone and does not have a mean bone in his body. We have been blessed to have the friendship and respect of the Raber family.

## YOU HAVE NOT MADE A DISCIPLE UNTIL YOUR DISCIPLE HAS MADE A DISCIPLE



Amanda Dyamond Kenneth Raber Cameron Feikema Joshua Wells Mya Johnson Xavier Early

## GRACE MARTIAL ARTS "DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST" RECEIVE THEIR BLACK BELTS

One of Grace Martial Arts (GMA) keys to making disciples/ambassadors for Christ, who, also, one day will be making disciples, is to teach students **THREE FORMS OF DEFENSE:**

**Firstly**, students acquire **CHRIST DEFENSE**, together with relational, Biblical life-skills. Our challenge is to lead students to know the Lord and His Word so well that they readily will employ Biblical principles and will make wise life-style choices.

**Secondly**, students acquire **MENTAL DEFENSE**, Godly confidence that strengthens disciplined direction for the students' lives and education.

**Thirdly**, students acquire **PHYSICAL DEFENSE**, with a maximum efficiency of self-defense skills and advanced kinetic movement principles for optimal health and well-being.

One of the highlights of the award presentation was that a number of former Black Belts came to encourage and to support the newly awarded Black Belts. Some of these instructors have devoted up to 7 years helping to teach these new Black Belts, to be "Disciples For Christ."

## TEACHING THE LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

Physical defense principles of martial arts provide many wonderful Biblical illustrations. Examples: Yielding to being pushed, physically or emotionally; "*Before Honor Is Humility;*" "*Gentle words turn away wrath; harsh words stir up anger.*" Utilizing a strong stance represents trusting The Word of God.

Using the attackers' strength against themselves, we teach the students to pull the attacker to them and to send the attacker away with Christ's love and forgiveness. The students love these kinds of skills! This kind of cognitive teaching helps the students to visualize concretely what is being taught. Most importantly, young people's relationships are being strengthened upwardly, outwardly and inwardly.

# FROM EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP TO BECOMING MISSIONARIES



**The Niensens**

Crystal was born with cystic fibrosis. In spite of her health challenges, she became an exceptional Black Belt instructor who loves working with children. She would light up a room with her Christ-centered love for the Lord and her joyful enthusiasm she shared with all students.

The family will be serving as missionaries with Ethnos 360 in Roach, Missouri. Cell Phone: (971) 232-9116

Ben, Crystal & 3 Children: Azariah, Lilly & Isabella (Ethnos 360) 312 West First Street, Sanford, FL 32771

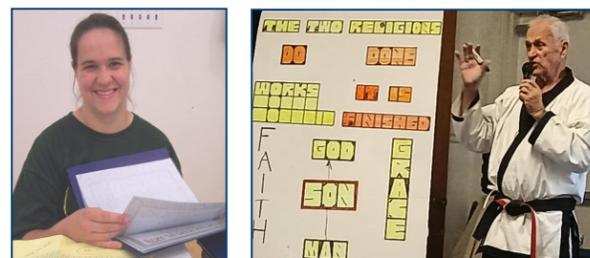


Crystal & her Brother, Joshua, with Bob & Beth

God strengthens our relationships with Himself, which motivates us to joyfully reach out to others with the love of the Gospel of Christ.

*"For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, ourselves, your bondservants for Jesus' sake."*

## The Two Religions: Do & Done



Rebecca Wells, GMA's Administrator

## YOU CAN WATCH THE EXCITING GMA DEMONSTRATION GRADUATION ON GRACE MARTIAL ARTS FACE BOOK



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*Powerfully Connecting With Our Kids' World While  
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