

DANDELION MINISTRIES – THE REVS. SEAN AND KATE NORRIS

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Ministry Focus:

Dandelion Ministries is an Anglican arts-focused ministry creating space for people to experience the grace of Jesus Christ in their place of need.

Strategies for Sharing the Gospel in this Ministry:

Dandelion Ministries is about creating space for retreat, sabbatical, recovery, and evangelistic encounter with Jesus Christ. **We are artist missionaries to the hurting coast.** That means we are pastors who know art has a way of cutting through people's defenses and going to the place of pain that needs the word of hope. Sean uses his gifts in musical art (singing and songwriting), and Kate uses her gifts in visual art (drawing, painting, and installations). We love to preach, teach and worship God with others with creative space to experience his grace.

We have spent the year building trust and relationships locally on Long Island by hosting creative themed parties and a parent and child Bible Study in addition to the regular everyday relationship building by being in the lives of the new friends the Lord has given to us.

Beyond the local area we have led retreats for churches on "the hurting coast" from Charleston to Maryland to Maine, we have taught courses on the Gospel in Art, have used our art in our annual diocesan conference to bless the clergy and lay leaders of the Anglican Diocese of New England, and produced music and art that we use to bless others where they are needing the good news of grace and forgiveness.

Financial Needs:

We are raising money as missionaries, which means everything from our daily bread to ministry projects and initiatives are funded through our fundraising. The North Fork is a post-Christian environment. We need your financial support to build relationships with people in our town, in our girls' school, artists in the community, and with Christian artists online. In addition we have goals to build out our property in order to host larger groups for retreats. Our current annual financial goal is \$170,000.

Prayer Needs:

- We need prayer as we continue to get to know people in the neighborhood and build trust with local families. We are building toward our goal of gathering a house church. We have over 15 families in our orbit, some of whom are completely unchurched.
- For the planning of our first creative arts camp for the summer of 2023
- That our online initiatives would continue to grow: Betsy Bible – teaching the Bible stories with toys and play, our coming podcast "Bad Marriages in the Bible" showcasing God's big redemption through relationship, our blog, and hosting creative spaces online for groups around the country.
- The development of our creative projects that we use to minister to others: Kate's painting and drawing and Sean's music.
- Our ministry in the Anglican Diocese of New England – partnering with Bishop Williams to host regional reawakening conferences that focus on evangelistic outreach using the arts and creativity.
- The Lord has been so gracious and generous to give us funding for the first two years so we want to give thanks! Praise God! And continue to pray for all the provision we will need to build Dandelion Ministries and walk in God's call and vision for us.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR US!

Short-term Mission Opportunities: Yes No

We hope to host our first creative arts camp this coming summer of 2023. We would love to have a team from St. Michael's come help run it for the kids of the North Fork. It will be a 3 day (half-day) camp ending with an art and music show for the families of the children.