

# Miracles of Ministry: Lives Changed

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*Dear Friends,*

## *Reflecting on the School Year*



Here we are at the end of the school year, and as I reflect I'm astounded at all that God has done!

This year, I've trusted God in the beginnings of a Military Ministry, whose critical mass includes three ROTC students, a current Army Reserves Chaplain and a three star General; an Athletic Ministry with a few committed students, as well as multiple football, basketball and baseball coaches;

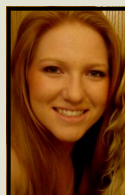
and I assisted with an International Movement, currently seeing over twenty students every week. As a regional team we've seen several students not only come to trust Christ deeply and personally, but also take active steps to follow Him more closely.

Shannon, a Sophomore at IUP, joined our group for Spring Break, as we traveled to Galveston, TX to rebuild what Hurricane

Ike destroyed. As she spent time with us, and experienced our own personal walks with the Lord, she began to experience change in herself. On the car ride back, when asked about the most impactful moment of the trip, she said,

*"I finally understand what a personal relationship with God is all about!"*

Just last week, the family I live with spoke with Sree, a girl from India taking graduate classes at IUP, who, after hearing about God for so long realized that Jesus was who He said He was, and decided to follow Him,



Shannon is walking with God now

despite the sure persecution she will experience when she returns to India. Pray for her.

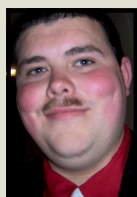
Art, a transfer student at IUP, approached me about a month ago and said,

## *Go, Therefore.. Make Disciples..*

"I've really been struggling in my walk recently.

*Can you help me understand the Bible better?"*

From there we met at least once a week dissecting scripture and applying it to our lives. This summer he will be trusting God to raise \$3,000 for a Summer Project



Art is going to Datoyna Beach, Florida

with Campus Crusade to grow in his faith and share it with others.

What a privilege it

has been to be a part of God's greater plans here in the region! After much prayer and consideration, I feel God lead-

ing me back here for another year. Pray for me as God leads me in developing more ministry partners to support this ministry.

I want you to know that without you this wouldn't be possible. I thank God for your prayers and investment in the Kingdom, not only for my benefit, but for the benefit of those who are hearing the Gospel and taking steps of faith. For those that are rearranging

## **Please Pray for:**

- ◆ God's leading this summer as I develop ministry partners and ministry funds for next year.
- ◆ The development of this Military Ministry. We'll start full swing in the Fall.
- ◆ Sree as she heads back to India. Many will not approve of her brave decision for Christ.

## *Other News*

God has provided an amazing housing opportunity for the next year; I'll be rooming with a strong Christian committed to ministry!

I'll be leading a Bible Study in Erie this Summer with young guys whose pasts are muddy, but whose futures are hopeful.

their lives so that God is at the top. What a blessing you are to us all, and what a crown you are earning in heaven. Thank you so much!

In His Timing,



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## ***Pictures from Galveston, TX***

About 18 students came with a heart to serve.

Though it took us 32 hours to get there, we came cheerfully and hopefully, expecting god to move.



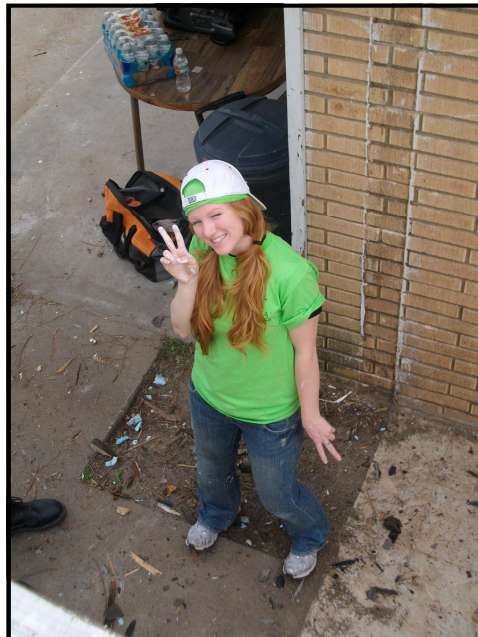
Cru partnered with the Evangelical Free Church to reach people for Christ



We put up studs and dry wall in houses that were flooded in feet of water



Though we didn't know much on the outset, we learned about sawing, hammering and roofing



Shannon grew closer to God after the trip



On the peninsula, waves peeked at over 26 feet! Entire houses were supplanted and ruined